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DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

Pythian Knighthood had its conception in the exemplification of the life test of true friendship existing between Damon and Pythias.

Friendship, or mutual confidence, being the strongest bond of union between man and man, and only existing where honor has an abiding place, is adopted as a foundation principle.

As the ideal Knight of olden time was the personification of all the higher and nobler attributes of man's nature, the candidate for Knighthood had to prove himself worthy of acceptance by those who valued friendship, bravery, honor, justice and loyalty.

The Order of Knights of Pythias—founded in Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, which it proclaims as its cardinal principles—strives to gather into one mighty fraternity worthy men who appreciate the true meaning of friendship; who are cautious in word and act; who love truth; who are brave in defending right; whose honor is untarnished; whose sense of justice will prevent, to the best of their ability, a personal act or word injurious to the worthy; whose loyalty to principle, to family, to friends, to their country and to the constituted authority under which they enjoy citizenship is undoubted, and who at all times are prepared to do unto others as they would that others should do unto them.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS,

OF THE

DOMAIN OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, the source of all authority in the Order of Knights of Pythias, in the Domain of British Columbia, doth ordain and establish this

GRAND CONSTITUTION.

TITLE.

This body shall be known as the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of British Columbia.

ARTICLE I.

COMPOSITION.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge shall be composed of all such Past Chancellors as have attained the Grand Lodge Rank and are in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge in this Domain.

ARTICLE II.

THE GRAND GOVERNMENT.

SECTION 1. The Grand Government for the Domain of British Columbia shall consist of two independent, co-ordinate departments, viz: A Legislative Department, and an Executive Department.

ARTICLE III.

THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

SECTION 1. The Legislative powers of the Grand Government shall be vested in a Grand Lodge, which shall be composed of:

- PAR. 1. All Past Grand Chancellors in good standing in this Grand Lodge and in their respective Subordinate Lodges in this Domain.
- PAR. 2. Its officers, as designated in this Constitution.
- PAR. 3. The Grand Representatives, legally elected or appointed.
- PAR. 4. All Past Chancellors in good standing in this Grand Lodge and their Subordinate Lodges, who have received the Grand Lodge Rank; *Provided*, that a vote by lodges shall be taken upon any question, at the call of the Representatives of five different lodges, when Representatives and Grand Officers only shall vote, and, *Provided further*, that none but Grand Lodge Officers and Representatives shall vote on any election for Officers of this Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be a Grand Chancellor, a Grand Vice-Chancellor, a Grand Prelate, a Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, a Grand Master of Exchequer, a Grand Master at Arms, a Grand Inner Guard, and a Grand Outer Guard, who shall be elected annually, as provided by law, and shall hold office for the term of one official year, or until their successors are elected and installed.

SEC. 3. A Past Chancellor in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge of this Grand Domain, and in possession of the Grand Lodge Rank, shall be eligible to any office, or appointment on any committee in the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 4. The Honor of Past Chancellor shall be attained, upon the installation of his successor, by every Chancellor Commander who shall have served to the end of his term; and at the institution of a new Subordinate Lodge by the four members thereof who shall have been chosen by the lodge to receive that Honor.

SEC. 5. Each Subordinate Lodge shall be entitled to one Grand Representative for its charter, and one additional for each one hundred members in good standing, such Representatives

must be Past Chancellors in good standing as defined by Chapter 5, Sec. 265 of the Supreme Statutes.

SEC. 6. At the first regular meeting in January, Subordinate Lodges shall elect their Grand Representatives for a term of two years. Lodges bearing even numbers shall elect their Grand Representatives in even numbered years, and Lodges bearing odd numbers shall elect their Representatives in odd numbered years. *Provided*, that newly instituted Lodges may elect a Grand Representative at the time of institution, from among the Past Chancellors, to serve for a term of one or two years as provided in this section. *Provided, further*, that at the election of Grand Representatives in January, 1897, odd numbered lodges shall elect for one year and even numbered lodges for two years.

SEC. 7. A vacancy of Grand Representative shall be held to exist in all cases where such Grand Representative is no longer in good standing in the Lodge from which he is elected; *Provided*, in case a vacancy occurring from any cause in the office, within two weeks prior to the Regular Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge, the Chancellor Commander of the Lodge may appoint a Past Chancellor to fill such vacancy, but when occurring more than two weeks prior to the Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge, the lodge shall fill the vacancy in the manner of the original procedure.

SEC. 8. The Grand Lodge shall hold its Annual Regular Convention on the second Tuesday in May of each year, at such place as the Grand Lodge shall have determined upon by a majority of all the votes cast therefor at the previous Annual Regular Convention, and shall convene at nine o'clock A. M., of said day; *Provided*, that in case the Grand Lodge shall have failed to designate the place of holding such Annual Regular Convention, it shall be held in the City of Vancouver.

SEC. 9. Special Conventions of the Grand Lodge may be called by the Grand Chancellor for the transaction of extraordinary business, which must be stated in the call, when requested to do so in writing, by the Representatives of fifteen Subordinate Lodges, but no other business shall be considered except that which is specified in the call, and not less than twenty days

notice of such Special Convention shall be given by letter to every lodge, such limitation to commence from the day said letters are mailed, and such Special Convention shall be held in such city as the Grand Chancellor may designate.

SEC. 10. One-third of the Subordinate Lodges in this Domain, represented by their Grand Representatives or any of the Past Chancellors of each lodge, shall constitute a quorum of the Grand Lodge for the transaction of business at an Annual Regular Convention.

SEC. 11. The following powers are reserved to the Grand Lodge, viz:

- PAR. 1. To pass upon and determine all questions relative to the qualifications and election of its members.
- PAR. 2. To enact laws for its own government and protection, and to prescribe rules of procedure for the conduct of its business.
- PAR. 3. To prescribe the duties and powers of its officers and committees, except as they may be fixed by the Ritual, or the Supreme Law.
- PAR. 4. To provide by law a revenue for the Grand Government.
- PAR. 5. To make appropriations of money for the maintenance of the Grand Government.
- PAR. 6. To define offenses against the Grand Law, and to prescribe penalties therefor.
- PAR. 7. To provide for the institution of Subordinate Lodges in this Domain, and to enact laws for their government.
- PAR. 8. To grant Charters to Subordinate Lodges within this Domain, and to provide by law for the issue, revocation, suspension, restoration and re-issue of such Charters.
- PAR. 9. To require from Subordinate Lodges within this Domain such reports as may be prescribed by law.

- PAR. 10. To provide Official Seals for the Grand Lodge and Grand Chancellor, and prescribe appropriate designs therefor.
- PAR. 11. To enact laws which shall be necessary to carry into execution all powers vested in the Grand Government by the Supreme Constitution, or any amendment thereof.
- PAR. 12. To exercise all power and authority not reserved to the Supreme Government, or prohibited thereby.

SEC. 12. The Grand Lodge may by law provide for the impeachment and removal from office of the Grand Chancellor, and for the trial and removal from office of any officer of the Grand Lodge, other than the Grand Chancellor; it may define the offenses for which such proceedings, or either of them, will lie, but judgment in such cases shall not extend beyond removal from office and disqualification to hold office in the Order thereafter. In all cases, removal from office, or removal from and disqualification to hold office, shall require the affirmative vote, by yeas and nays, of two-thirds of all the members of the Tribunal which shall have been established for the trial thereof; *Provided*, that conviction shall not preclude or prevent the trial of the party for the same offense in any other Tribunal of the Order having jurisdiction.

SEC. 13. All laws enacted by this Grand Lodge shall be of general application, shall be formulated as statutes and shall be styled Grand Statutes, and when introduced and while under consideration shall be styled Propositions.

SEC. 14. A Proposition shall embrace not more than one subject, which shall be clearly expressed in its title.

SEC. 15. A Proposition shall not become a Statute until it shall first have been reported upon by the appropriate committee and passed by the affirmative majority vote of all members of the Grand Lodge present and entitled to vote.

SEC. 16. The enacting clause of every Proposition shall be as follows: "*Be it enacted by the Grand Lodge, Knights of*

Pythias, of the Domain of British Columbia," and shall precede or be a part of the first section of such Proposition.

SEC. 17. All Statutes shall take effect thirty days after their enactment, unless therein otherwise provided.

SEC. 18. A Journal of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge shall be kept, and published in such manner as the Grand Lodge may by law provide, and such Journal shall be *prima facie* evidence of all acts of the Grand Lodge therein chronicled.

ARTICLE IV.

THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

SECTION 1. The Executive powers of this Grand Government shall be vested in a Grand Chancellor, who shall be elected and hold his office as provided in this Constitution.

SEC. 2. In case of the removal from office of the Grand Chancellor, or of his death, resignation, or inability to discharge the duties of said office, the same shall devolve on the Grand Vice-Chancellor.

SEC. 3. In case of the death, resignation, removal from office, or inability of both Grand Chancellor and Grand Vice-Chancellor, the vacancies shall be filled as the Grand Lodge may by law provide.

SEC. 4. The Grand Chancellor shall enforce the Supreme and Grand Laws and the decrees of the Supreme Tribunal.

SEC. 5. Except when otherwise provided by law, the Grand Chancellor shall fill, by appointment, any vacancy in any office of the Grand Lodge which may occur during its recess.

SEC. 6. The Grand Chancellor may, as provided by law, appoint and commission Deputy Grand Chancellors.

SEC. 7. The Grand Chancellor at each Annual Regular Convention of the Grand Lodge, shall present to it a report of all his official acts during its recess. His report shall contain information in regard to the state of the Order, and such recommendations as he may deem necessary and expedient.

SEC. 8. The Grand Chancellor, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, shall have and exercise such authority as may be provided by law.

SEC. 9. The Grand Chancellor shall receive such compensation as the Grand Lodge may provide by law.

ARTICLE V.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SECTION 1. Subordinate Lodges, within this Domain, shall consist of not less than ten members, seven of whom shall constitute a quorum; they shall have and exercise subordinate Pythian authority and control over such territory as may be prescribed by law. Two or more Subordinate Lodges may be given concurrent jurisdiction when located in the same city, or town, or other contiguous territory.

SEC. 2. The official terms of the ritualistic officers of a Subordinate Lodge shall continue for six months from January 1st and July 1st, in each year, or until their successors are elected and installed.

SEC. 3. A Subordinate Lodge may elect or appoint such Trustees or other non-ritualistic officers as may be authorized by the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 4. Each Subordinate Lodge shall display its Warrant or Charter in the lodge room whenever in session.

SEC. 5. No meeting for the transaction of business shall be held, and no excursion or entertainment shall be had by a Subordinate Lodge on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday.

SEC. 6. The fees to be charged by a Subordinate Lodge in this Domain, for the Ranks of Knighthood, membership by Transfer or Withdrawal Card, and re-instatement, shall be as prescribed by the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 7. Each Subordinate Lodge shall provide for and pay upon the death of a member thereof in good standing, a funeral benefit of not less than twenty dollars; the question of the payment of weekly benefits may be determined by each Subordinate Lodge for itself.

SEC. 8. Each Subordinate Lodge shall enact By-Laws for its own government, which shall be in conformity to the Supreme and Grand Law, and the decisions of the Supreme

Tribunal, but a Subordinate Lodge shall not enact or enforce any By-Law which shall abridge the rights or privileges secured to a member of the Order by the Supreme or Grand Law.

ARTICLE VI.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. Amendments may be made to this Constitution consistent with the Laws of the Supreme Lodge, at any Annual Regular Convention of the Grand Lodge, by a two-thirds vote of the members present entitled to vote; *Provided*, that all such amendments shall be proposed in writing, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary for consideration and report before final action thereon.

ARTICLE VII.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

SECTION 1. All legislation and decisions of the Grand Lodge in force prior to the adoption of this Constitution, are hereby continued in full force and effect, except so far as the same are in conflict with the Supreme or Grand Constitution, or superseded by Statutes.

SEC. 2. This Constitution shall take effect upon the adjournment of the Annual Regular Convention of the Grand Lodge in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

GRAND STATUTES.

ENACTING CLAUSE.

Be it enacted by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Domain of British Columbia :

That the following Code of Statutes shall constitute and be known as the Grand Statutes of the Order of Knights of Pythias of the Domain of British Columbia, and shall be designated and cited by the words "Grand Statutes," adding the number of title, chapter, and section, when necessary; and as such are hereby adopted and shall become the law of the Order, to take effect from and after the adoption of this Enacting Clause, except such parts thereof as to which a different provision is made therein.

All laws of a general nature in force when the Grand Statutes take effect, are hereby repealed, except as follows:

The adoption of the Grand Statutes, and the repeal of existing laws therein provided for, shall not effect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any right established, accrued or accruing before the Grand Statutes take effect; but when a penalty or forfeiture is mitigated by the Grand Statutes, such provision may be extended and applied to any conviction or judgment pronounced after said repeal; nor shall such repeal affect any prosecution or charges pending at the time it takes effect, for any offense committed under any of the provisions of a law repealed, except that the proceedings therein shall conform, as nearly as practicable, to the provisions of the Grand Statutes.

When a period of time, prescribed in any law repealed, for acquiring a right or barring a remedy, or for any other purpose, has begun to run, and the same or a similar limitation is prescribed in the Grand Statutes, the time of limitation shall continue to run, and have the like effect as if the whole period had begun and ended under the operation of the Grand Statutes.

An official copy of the Grand Statutes shall be deposited and kept in the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, which record shall be an authentic record of such laws.

TITLE I.—THE GRAND LODGE.

CHAPTER I.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, THEIR ELECTION AND INSTALLATION.

1. The officers of the Grand Lodge, as named in Article III, Section 2, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, shall be elected at each Annual Regular Convention of the Grand Lodge. The election of such officers shall be by ballot, and shall be the first order of business for the morning session of the second day of said Convention; the vote of a majority of all the members of the Grand Lodge present entitled to vote at said election shall be necessary to a choice.

2. At the same time that the Grand Lodge officers, as prescribed in the preceding section, are elected, the Grand Lodge shall elect Supreme Representatives, as provided by Supreme Law.

3. The installation of the officers of the Grand Lodge shall take place at the last session of the Annual Regular Convention of the Grand Lodge.

4. Should a Grand Lodge officer-elect be absent at the time of installation, his office shall be declared vacant, and the Grand Lodge shall at once fill the vacancy by the election of some one who is present, unless the absent officer-elect has been excused by a vote of the Grand Lodge, or his absence is caused by illness, then the Grand Chancellor, or in case it be that officer to be installed, the Junior Past Grand Chancellor shall have power to install such officer during recess, at his convenience.

CHAPTER II.

VACANCIES.

5. In case of a vacancy in the office of Grand Chancellor by death, resignation, removal from the Province, or removal from office, the duties of such office shall devolve upon the Grand Vice-Chancellor, who shall immediately be installed by

the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal as Grand Chancellor and perform all the duties of such office during the remainder of the current term and until said office has been duly filled by election and installation at the ensuing Annual Regular Convention of the Grand Lodge, and who shall be entitled to all the honors, privileges and emoluments of such office, and upon the completion of his term of office shall be entitled to the honors of a Past Grand Chancellor.

6. In case of a vacancy in the office of Grand Vice-Chancellor by death, resignation, removal from the Province, removal from office, or by having assumed the office of Grand Chancellor as provided in the preceding section, the Grand Chancellor shall within thirty days from the time such vacancy occurred appoint a Past Chancellor, a member of this Grand Lodge, to fill said vacancy, who shall be installed by the Grand Chancellor, or some Past Chancellor, a member of this Grand Lodge, appointed by the Grand Chancellor for such purpose.

7. If upon the death, resignation, removal from the Province, or removal from office of the Grand Chancellor, a vacancy should also exist in the office of Grand Vice-Chancellor, or in case of the death of the Grand Vice-Chancellor, before entering upon the duties of Grand Chancellor, as hereinbefore provided, then the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall forthwith notify each officer of the Grand Lodge of the existence of such vacancies, and shall appoint a time and place when such officers shall assemble for the purpose of filling such vacancies. Such officers, when so assembled, shall choose one of their number for chairman, and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall be ex-officio Secretary. If four or more Grand Officers be present they shall elect by ballot, from the Past Chancellors, upon whom has been conferred the Grand Lodge Rank, one to be Grand Chancellor, and one to be Grand Vice-Chancellor; a majority of the votes of those present shall be necessary to an election. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall forthwith notify each of said officers-elect of his election and such officers shall within ten days thereafter be installed by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, or by some Past Chancellor, a member of this Grand Lodge, appointed by him for such pur-

pose. If such officer-elect shall not within the time named for installation be duly installed, then the office shall be deemed to be vacant, and such vacancy shall be filled as provided in this chapter.

8. In case of a vacancy from any cause in any Grand Lodge office, except as hereinbefore provided, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Grand Chancellor, and such officer shall be installed, as soon as he has legally qualified for the office, by the Grand Chancellor, or some Past Chancellor, a member of the Grand Lodge, appointed by him for such purpose.

9. Should a vacancy occur in the position of Supreme Representative from any cause, other than the expiration of the term for which elected, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Grand Chancellor until the next ensuing Annual Regular Convention of the Grand Lodge, when such vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term, by the Grand Lodge, as provided in Section 2 of the Grand Statutes.

CHAPTER III.

IMPEACHMENT OF THE GRAND CHANCELLOR OR OTHER GRAND OFFICERS.

10. A Grand Chancellor or other Grand Officer shall be liable to impeachment for failure to perform his official duties or obligations, or for any violation of the criminal laws of this Province, or of the Dominion of Canada, or for any wilful betrayal of the interests of the Order or of this Grand Lodge, or for any conduct unbecoming a Knight of Pythias.

11. Articles of impeachment may be preferred against the Grand Chancellor, or other Grand Lodge officer, by ten or more Grand Representatives, or by four or more Grand Lodge officers, and shall specify the offense or offenses charged with clearness and precision, and with reasonable detail as to time and place and circumstances, and shall be signed by the parties preferring the same, and shall be filed with the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

12. The Grand Lodge officers other than those preferring the charges, shall be the Tribunal before which such articles of impeachment shall be tried.

13. When articles of impeachment shall have been preferred against the Grand Chancellor or against any Grand Lodge officer, and filed, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall forthwith notify the presiding officer of the trial Tribunal thereof, who shall fix a time and place for the trial, and at once notify the other members of the Tribunal of the time and place appointed. Thereupon the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall attest and issue a summons, citing the accused to appear before the trial Tribunal on the day and at the place so appointed, which summons shall be served upon the accused at least ten days prior to the time set for trial, together with a true copy of the articles of impeachment duly authenticated by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, which shall accompany the summons and be left with the accused. Such summons and copy may be served by any member of the Order authorized by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal so to do, or by letter mailed by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to the usual or last known post office address of the accused.

14. Evidence on the trial of impeachments may be oral or by depositions taken upon proper notice. At least five days notice of the time and place of taking depositions shall be given the adverse party. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, on application of the accused, may designate by order in writing, which shall be filed with and kept with the papers, the party upon whom notice to the prosecution may be served. The notice may be served either by personal service, or by letter mailed to the usual or last known post office address of the person entitled thereto.

15. The Grand Chancellor shall preside at the impeachment of a Grand Lodge Officer, unless he be one of those preferring the articles, in which event the officer of the Grand Lodge highest in rank, not so disqualified, shall preside.

16. In all cases, either party may be represented by counsel of his own selection, who shall be a member of the Order in good standing.

17. After all the evidence upon the impeachment of the Grand Chancellor or of a Grand Lodge Officer, shall have been heard and considered, as hereinbefore provided, the guilt or

innocence of the accused shall be determined by the trial Tribunal by vote, by yeas and nays, and the vote shall be entered in full upon the minutes of its proceedings, a full and accurate record of all of which shall be kept by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. If two-thirds of all the members shall vote in favor of his conviction, the judgment shall be removal of the accused from office and disqualification to hold any office in the Order thereafter, or only removal from office, as the trial Tribunal may determine—and the judgment shall be recorded on the minutes. If less than two-thirds of all the members vote for his conviction, the accused shall stand acquitted, and the judgment shall be so recorded on the minutes.

18. The record of the proceedings of the trial Tribunal, signed by the presiding officer thereof, and attested by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, shall be returned to the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Regular Convention, and filed in the archives of that Body.

19. If the Grand Chancellor shall be impeached, convicted, and removed from office, the duties of the office shall at once devolve upon the Grand Vice-Chancellor for the unexpired term of said Grand Chancellor, as provided in Section 5 of the Grand Statutes.

20. The Grand Chancellor or any other Grand Lodge officer against whom articles of impeachment shall have been preferred hereunder, shall be suspended from the exercise of his official duties until his acquittal. When the Grand Chancellor shall be suspended from the exercise of his official duties, pending his impeachment as herein provided for, the Grand Vice Chancellor shall discharge the duties of Grand Chancellor pending such suspension.

21. Impeachment and conviction hereunder shall not preclude or prevent the trial and punishment of the offender for the same offense before any other Tribunal of the Order having jurisdiction of the party and of the offense.

CHAPTER IV.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

22. 1. It shall be the duty of the Grand Chancellor to have and exercise a general supervision of the Order in this Domain,

to see that all constitutional and statutory enactments, rules and edicts of the Supreme or Grand Lodge are duly and promptly observed, and that the work and discipline of the Order in this Domain is legal and uniform.

2. To preside at all sessions of the Grand Lodge, preserve order therein, and enforce the laws and rules governing the same.

3. To appoint Grand officers *pro tem* in case of the temporary absence or disqualification of any Grand officer.

4. To render an opinion on all questions of law and usage asked under seal of a lodge, or by a Deputy Grand Chancellor.

5. To grant warrants for the organization of new Subordinate Lodges, when petition therefor has been approved by him; institute same in person, or by Special Deputy Grand Chancellor to be by him appointed for that purpose, and to report such Warrants and instituting to the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Regular Convention thereafter.

6. To grant dispensations to Subordinate Lodges in case of emergency, in all such matters as he may consider to be to the interest of the Order, not inconsistent with usage or in conflict with the Supreme or Grand Law.

7. To visit in person or by Special Deputy, to be by him appointed, such Subordinate Lodges as the good of the Order may require.

8. To install in person or by Deputy Grand Chancellor, or some Past Chancellor, the officers elect of all Subordinate Lodges.

9. To exemplify the secret work of the Order himself, or by Special Deputy, whenever necessary, or the same is requested by any lodge.

10. To appoint all committees not otherwise provided by the Grand Lodge.

11. To sign all orders on the Grand Master of Exchequer, authorized by the Grand Lodge, and all other documents requiring his official signature.

12. To submit to each Annual Regular Convention of the Grand Lodge, at the opening thereof, a report of the state of

the Order in this Domain, together with such information and suggestions, as in his opinion, the good of the Order may require.

He generally do and perform all the duties prescribed for his office by the laws and requirements of this Grand Lodge and the Supreme Lodge.

14. To declare the warrant or charter of a Subordinate Lodge revoked or suspended in all cases provided by the Supreme or Grand Law for such revocation or suspension.

15. He shall have an official seal, which he shall attach to all official papers, documents, or orders emanating from his office, and not properly coming within the province of the official seal of the Grand Lodge, which may be legally used by him in impress, or in imprint counterpart.

23. The Grand Vice-Chancellor shall have supervision of the inner door of the Grand Lodge, and perform such duties as are prescribed for his office by the Supreme or Grand Law. In the absence of the Grand Chancellor he shall preside at the Conventions of the Grand Lodge.

24. The Grand Prelate shall, in addition to the duties prescribed for his office in the Ritual of the Grand Lodge, perform such other duties, consistent with his office, as the Grand Lodge may require.

25. The duties of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall be:

1. To attend each Convention of the Grand Lodge, and keep a true and correct record of all its proceedings, and, at the close of each Annual Regular Convention, have the same printed, in such number as the Grand Lodge may direct, and transmit one copy to each Grand Lodge officer and Grand Representative and Past Grand Chancellor, four copies to each Subordinate Lodge in this Domain, two copies to each Grand Lodge of the Order, and two copies to the Supreme Lodge.

2. To keep an office for the transaction of the business of his office; provide same with the necessary books, papers, stationery, etc., for carrying on the work of his office, at the expense of the Grand Lodge; conduct its correspondence;

file all papers relating to the business of the Grand Lodge, and carefully preserve all documents, books and papers belonging thereto.

3. To prepare and cause to be printed, blank forms for semi-annual returns of Subordinate Lodges, and such other blanks as may be necessary to obtain correct information of the work of the Order in this Domain; and to provide all stationery for the use of the Grand Lodge and its officers.

4. To keep the accounts between the Grand Lodge and its officers and all Subordinate Lodges, and to report all delinquencies to the Grand Lodge.

5. To keep a correct and detailed account of all moneys due the Grand Lodge, and give no credit for moneys paid except upon a duplicate official receipt of the Grand Master of Exchequer, filed in his office, charging the Grand Master of Exchequer with the same.

6. To draw all orders on the Grand Master of Exchequer, as authorized by the Grand Lodge, attest the same with the seal of the Grand Lodge, and make a full and detailed record of the same.

7. To submit at each Annual Regular Convention, on the first day thereof, a report of the transactions of his office for the past year; showing all moneys received and from what source; and such other information as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct, or the good of the Order require, together with such suggestions as he may deem of interest to the Grand Lodge; and estimates of the probable expenses and receipts of the Grand Lodge for the year next ensuing.

8. To make out annual returns of the work and business of the Grand Lodge, and forward same with the Supreme Lodge tax, as required by the Supreme Law.

9. To attest all charters and warrants, granted for new lodges, and all official papers and documents with the Grand Lodge seal.

10. To attend any committee of the Grand Lodge, when requested to do so by the chairman thereof, and furnish books, papers, vouchers, etc., as may be required.

11. To forward to the chairman of the appropriate standing committees, such matter received by him as should properly be referred to them.

12. To have custody of the seal of the Grand Lodge, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the laws of the Grand Lodge, or as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct.

13. At the expiration of his term of office, or after his resignation thereof, or removal therefrom, he shall deliver to his successor in office, immediately upon the approval of his official bond, all furniture, books, papers, blanks, stationery, records, etc., belonging to the Grand Lodge, which may be in his possession.

14. Before entering upon the duties of his office he shall furnish to the Grand Lodge bond or security, in such sum as the Grand Lodge may direct, duly issued by some reliable fidelity, guaranty or surety company, authorized to do business in the Province of British Columbia, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, the premium for said bond to be paid by the Grand Lodge.

26. 1. The Grand Master of Exchequer shall have charge of the funds, and evidences of title to all property, belonging to or held in trust by the Grand Lodge.

2. He shall keep correct account of all moneys he may receive from the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and from all other sources, and pay all orders from funds in his hands, when properly drawn by the Grand Chancellor, and attested by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, with the Seal of the Grand Lodge affixed.

3. He shall, whenever notified, attend any committee of the Grand Lodge, and furnish such books and papers, in his possession, as may be required.

4. At each Annual Regular Convention of the Grand Lodge, and at the opening thereof, he shall present a report of the transactions of his office for the past year, showing in detail the amount of money received by him, and from what source, and the amounts paid, numbers of orders and for what purpose drawn, and to whom payable, and shall submit his books,

accounts and vouchers for examination whenever required to do so by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Chancellor.

5. At the expiration of his term of office, or after resignation thereof, or removal therefrom, he shall make full settlement with the Committee on Finance, or other person authorized by the Grand Lodge, and deliver to his successor in office, immediately after the approval of his official bond, all moneys, books, bonds, vouchers, documents and property belonging to, or held in trust for the Grand Lodge, which may be in his possession.

6. Before entering upon the duties of his office, he shall furnish to the Grand Lodge bond or security in such sum as the Grand Lodge may direct, duly issued by some reliable fidelity, guaranty, or surety company authorized to do business in the Province of British Columbia, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, the premium for said bond to be paid by the Grand Lodge, such bond, after approval, to be placed in the hands of the Grand Chancellor as custodian thereof.

27. The Grand Master at Arms shall assist in the ceremonies of the Grand Lodge, receive and introduce all new members and Grand Representatives, and generally execute the orders of the Grand Lodge and of the Grand Chancellor.

28. The Grand Inner Guard shall have charge of the inner door while the Grand Lodge is in session, and must report to the Grand Vice-Chancellor all those who may be without the password; he shall see that all members and Past Chancellors entering wear the appropriate jewel, denying admission to those who do not.

29. The Grand Outer Guard shall have charge of the outer door; allow no person to enter the ante-room without the proper password, unless directed to do so by the Grand Chancellor, and shall be held responsible for the safe keeping of all regalia, jewels, and other property of the Grand Lodge while that body is in session.

CHAPTER V.

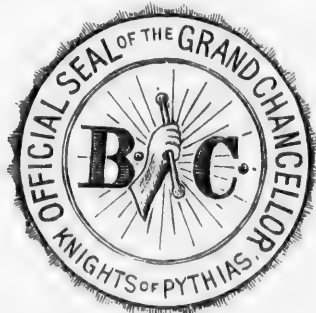
SEALS.

30. The Seal of the Grand Lodge shall be in accordance with the following design,



and shall be kept in the custody of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and shall be used in authenticating such documents as require his official attestation.

31. The Official Seal of the Grand Chancellor shall be in accordance with the following design,



and shall be kept in the custody of the Grand Chancellor, and shall be used by him in authenticating such documents as require only his official signature.

32. Each Subordinate Lodge within the Grand Domain shall have an official seal, which shall bear its name, number, location and date of institution, together with such appropriate device as it shall adopt. Said seal shall be kept in the custody of the Keeper of Records and Seal, and shall be used by him in authenticating such documents as require his official attestation.

CHAPTER VI.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

33. The Grand Chancellor shall as soon as practicable after his installation, appoint the following standing committees, to consist of three members each, and who shall serve until new committees are appointed at the next Regular Annual Convention, to-wit:

1. Committee on Credentials.
2. Committee on Judiciary.
3. Committee on State of the Order and Fraternal Correspondence.
4. Committee on Finance.
5. Committee on Grievances and Appeals.
6. Committee on Printing and Supplies.

34. The Committee on Credentials shall take charge of all documents pertaining to its duties. It shall examine and pass upon the regularity of certificates of Past Chancellors, and the correctness of the credentials of Grand Representatives presented to it, and report to the Grand Lodge the Past Chancellors legally entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Rank, and Grand Representatives duly and regularly entitled to seats as such in the Grand Lodge.

35. The Committee on Judiciary shall consider and report upon all proposed amendments to the Constitution or Statutes, and such portions of the reports of officers of the Grand Lodge as may be referred to it, and recommend such legislation as it may deem expedient in connection therewith, and such other matters as may be referred to it by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Chancellor.

36. The Committee on the State of the Order shall report upon the condition and progress of the Order in this Domain, and suggest such measures as will, in the judgment of the committee, conduce to the general welfare of the Order, and shall examine and report upon all petitions of Subordinate Lodges organized under Warrants from the Grand Chancellor, and applications for Charters for the same, with their recommendations of approval or disapproval, and reports of lodges working

under Warrants shall be referred to it for examination. It shall also examine and report upon all other matters referred to it by the Grand Lodge and have charge of fraternal correspondence.

37. The Committee on Finance shall superintend the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge; it shall meet at the place designated as the place of the meeting of the Grand Lodge within ten days prior to each Annual Regular Convention of the Grand Lodge, examine and audit the accounts of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Grand Master of Exchequer, and all other officers, or committees, who may be entrusted with the receipt or expenditure of funds of the Grand Lodge, and submit a report to the Grand Lodge. It shall make estimate and recommendation of such per capita tax upon Subordinate Lodges as may be necessary to provide a revenue for Grand Lodge expenses for the ensuing year, and suggest such financial measures as it may deem expedient; it shall consider and report on all financial matters referred to it by the Grand Lodge, or made its duty under the Statutes; it shall also at each Annual Regular Convention, report the number of miles travelled, by the shortest practicable travelled route, by each officer and member of the Grand Lodge entitled to receive mileage and per diem for attendance thereon, and the amounts due each therefor, making a complete pay roll of same, including such per diem as may be allowed by the Grand Lodge, Grand Representatives to receive mileage from the city in which the lodge they represent is located, and officers of the Grand Lodge and other members entitled thereto from the city in which they reside.

38. The Committee on Appeals and Grievances shall hear all appeals and grievances from lodges or members of lodges referred to them by the Grand Lodge or Grand Chancellor, and report their findings with the utmost dispatch to the Grand Lodge. But no member of this committee shall serve on any appeal from the lodge of which he is a member.

39. The Committee on Printing and Supplies shall superintend all printing and purchasing of supplies, and said Committee shall consist of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and two other members of the Grand Lodge residing in the same

city or town in which the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is situated.

CHAPTER VII.

DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS; THEIR POWERS AND DUTIES.

40. As soon as practicable after his installation, the Grand Chancellor shall appoint, and commission, a competent Past Chancellor of each Subordinate Lodge, as Deputy Grand Chancellor for each lodge, who shall hold office during the term of the Grand Chancellor by whom appointed, unless his commission be sooner revoked.

In the event of a lodge not having a Past Chancellor eligible thereto, then the Grand Chancellor shall appoint the Deputy Grand Chancellor in the nearest or most convenient lodge to act for the time being.

41. The Deputy Grand Chancellor is the special representative of the Grand Chancellor in the District to which he is appointed, and shall be respected and obeyed accordingly; his duties shall be as follows:

1. To frequently visit his lodge, and see that the work of the Order is uniformly adhered to, and the laws of the Supreme and Grand Lodge strictly observed, and report any neglect, infringement, or violation thereof, to the Grand Chancellor.

2. He shall, in the absence of the Grand Chancellor, install the officers of his lodge, who are found to be properly qualified therefor, by examination in open lodge, and in the event of his inability to install in person, he shall deputize, in writing, some Past Chancellor to act for him.

3. Prior to installation of the officers of a Subordinate Lodge, he shall cause the semi-annual returns thereof to the Grand Lodge properly executed, together with the amount of the assessment or tax due the Grand Lodge, to be placed in his hands, which he shall immediately transmit to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal; and he shall refuse to install the officers, or communicate the password, until such returns and money have been placed in his hands.

4. He shall have power to grant dispensations to his lodge, upon application therefor by the lodge, to elect and initiate an

applicant upon one and the same stated meeting, when an emergency therefor exists; to confer more than one Rank upon the same person at the same session, and to admit an applicant over fifty years of age.

5. He shall report to the Grand Chancellor, by the first day of April in each year, the general working of his lodge, and conditions thereof, embracing all such matters of general information and importance as are not contained in the regular reports of Subordinate Lodges, or as the Grand Chancellor may especially call for; and shall generally do and perform such duties as may be required of him by the Grand Chancellor, and a failure to perform such duties shall be a sufficient cause for removal by the Grand Chancellor.

6. He shall not be permitted to transcend the powers herein enumerated, and while he should, at all times freely and cautiously give advice, he has no authority to make official decisions upon questions of law or usage.

7. At the expiration of his official term, or resignation thereof, or removed therefrom, he shall deliver to his successor, or to some person designated by the Grand Chancellor, all books, documents, or other papers or property, which may have been entrusted to his care or custody.

8. He shall file with the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, on or before the first day of June and December of each year, a certificate from the Subordinate Lodge of which he is a member, that he has paid all dues or other indebtedness to the end of the current term and is in good standing in his Subordinate Lodge.

CHAPTER VIII.

FINANCE; REVENUE; MILEAGE AND PER DIEM; SALARIES AND EXPENSES.

42. The revenue of this Grand Lodge shall be derived from the following sources, to-wit:

1. Such per capita tax assessment on Subordinate Lodges within this Domain, for each active member thereof, as shown by each semi-annual report during the year for which the assessment is made, as the Grand Lodge may determine at its Annual Regular Convention.

2. Application for Warrant and Charter for Subordinate Lodges, with the following supplies, shall be furnished for the sum of \$75.00: Warrant, Charter, 5 Rituals, 3 Installation Books, 50 Odes, 100 Official Receipts, 100 Orders on the Master of Exchequer, 1 set of Officers Jewels, 1 copy of the Supreme Statutes, 1 Roll Book, 1 Roster.

3. For all printed or other materials furnished by the Grand Lodge to any Subordinate Lodge, or member thereof, such prices shall be charged as may be fixed in the "Price List of Supplies" issued by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, from time to time. The Grand Chancellor, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, shall constitute the Committee on Supplies, with power to determine the price to be charged therefor.

43. All orders for supplies must be accompanied with the price therefor in cash or its equivalent, and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is forbidden to fill any order not accompanied by the cash, except that he may furnish supplies to Keepers of Records and Seal, when ordered under the seal of the lodge, requiring settlement in full at the end of each month.

44. Should any Subordinate Lodge or individual member manufacture for its own use, or for the use of another, or obtain from any other source any other forms, books, blanks, jewels, or other articles, in the place of those furnished by the Grand Lodge (except such as may be procured direct from the Supreme Lodge) such Subordinate Lodge or individual member shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order and punished as hereinafter provided.

45. In case the offender is a Subordinate Lodge within the Domain of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Chancellor, on being convinced beyond a reasonable doubt of the commission of the offense, shall have power to suspend the Warrant or Charter of said Subordinate Lodge for such length of time as he may deem proper.

46. In case the offender is an individual member of the Order, the Grand Chancellor, on being convinced beyond a reasonable doubt of the commission of the offense, shall prefer

charges against said individual member for such offense, before the lodge of which he is a member, and upon conviction, the penalty shall be suspension or expulsion from the Order, as the lodge may determine.

47. Each Grand Lodge Officer, Grand Representative, Supreme Representative, and Past Grand Chancellor, in actual attendance at any regular or special Convention of the Grand Lodge, shall receive mileage at the rate of five cents per mile for each mile actually and necessarily travelled in going to said Grand Lodge Convention, and in addition thereto not to exceed three dollars per day for each day's actual attendance thereon; *Provided*, that any such officer or Grand Representative absenting himself before the close of the Convention without leave of the Grand Lodge shall forfeit his mileage and per diem.

48. The members of the Finance Committee shall receive as compensation for attendance upon the meeting of the committee at the place designated, as provided in Section 37, the same mileage and per diem as is allowed by Statute for attendance upon the Conventions of the Grand Lodge.

49. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall receive a salary of three hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly, and all expenses necessarily incurred by him in the performance of his official duties.

50. The Grand Chancellor shall receive such remuneration as the Grand Lodge may determine at each Annual Convention.

CHAPTER IX.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

51. This Grand Lodge will not be responsible for any debt contracted by a Subordinate Lodge.

52. When a Subordinate Lodge shall become defunct and remain so for a period of two years, the number of such lodge shall be assigned to any lodge thereafter instituted.

53. Should the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal or Grand Master of Exchequer elect fail to furnish the bond or securities to be furnished by them under the provisions of Sections 25 and 26 of the Grand Statutes, within thirty days after

their election and installation, the Grand Chancellor shall declare such office vacant and immediately fill the same by appointment, such appointees to furnish the same bond or securities required of such officer when elected, within thirty days after such appointment, and when so furnished to be installed by the Grand Chancellor or some Past Chancellor, a member of the Grand Lodge, appointed by the Grand Chancellor for such purpose.

CHAPTER X.

ORDER OF BUSINESS AND RULES OF ORDER.

51. Rules of Order and Order of Business are hereby prescribed, as follows:

Rule 1. At each Annual Regular Convention the Grand Lodge shall be called to order at the prescribed time, by the proper officer, and the business of the Convention shall be taken up in the following order, to-wit:

1. The officers being stationed, the roll of Grand Representatives shall be called, and it being ascertained that a legal quorum is present, the Grand Chancellor shall request the members to clothe themselves with the proper jewel, without which no member is privileged to appear, and the Grand Master at Arms, with such assistance as he may direct, shall examine all present in the requisite password, and report to the Grand Chancellor.
2. The Grand Lodge shall then be formally opened in Ritualistic form.
3. Credentials of Grand Representatives, and certificates of Past Chancellors, presented and referred to Committee on Credentials.
4. Report of Committee on Credentials.
5. Introduction of new members and conferring Grand Lodge Rank.
6. Minutes of last Annual, and intervening Special Conventions, if any, submitted for approval.
7. Reports of Grand officers.
8. Petitions presented, and action thereon.
9. Communications presented, and action thereon.

10. Reports of Standing Committees, in the following order, and action thereon :

- a. Committee on Judiciary.
- b. Committee on State of the Order.
- c. Committee on Finance.
- d. Committee on Grievances and Appeals.
- e. Committee on Printing and Supplies.

11. Reports of Special Committees, and action thereon.
12. Consideration of unfinished business.
13. Resolutions and miscellaneous business.
14. Installation of officers.
15. Appointment of Committees, and confirmation of same.
16. Closing ceremonies.
17. The Order of Business as here arranged, may, at any time, be temporarily changed, by a majority vote of the members present.

Rule 2. No member shall be permitted to vote, or speak unless wearing a jewel appropriate to his Rank and station; and every officer and member shall be designated by his proper title.

Rule 3. No member shall speak more than once on the same subject, until all the members present wishing to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so, nor more than twice without permission from the Chair, concurred in by the Grand Lodge.

Rule 4. Every motion shall be stated by the presiding officer; or being in writing shall be handed to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and by him read aloud; prior to which no motion shall be subject to debate, and every motion shall be reduced to writing should any member so desire.

Rule 5. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but for a recess, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a certain day, to commit or refer, to amend, to postpone indefinitely—which several motions shall have precedence in the order herein named, the first three of which shall be decided without debate.

Rule 6. The previous question may be asked and ordered upon any proposition when demanded by ten members of the Grand Lodge.

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Rule 7. When a question is indefinitely postponed, it shall not be acted on again during the Convention in which it was postponed.

Rule 8. All resolutions must be in writing, and if referred to a committee, be in duplicate, and shall have the number of the lodge of the mover written on the same paper with his signature.

Rule 9. All questions of construction of Law, Rules and Ceremonies, asked by members, must be in writing, and signed by the member with the number of his lodge, and may be answered by the Grand Chancellor or the Grand Lodge, or referred for answer to the Committee on Judiciary, which shall report its decision to the Grand Lodge for action prior to final adjournment of the Convention.

Rule 10. Every member who shall be in the lodge room when a question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Grand Lodge shall excuse him. All motions to excuse a member from voting shall be made before the Grand Lodge divides; and any member requesting to be excused from voting may make a verbal statement of the reasons for making such request, and the question shall then be voted upon without further debate.

Rule 11. The first person named on a committee shall act as chairman thereof.

55. All rules of order or practice not provided for in the preceding section, or not established by the laws and usages of the Order, shall be determined in accordance with "Roberts' Rules of Order for Deliberative Assemblies."

TITLE II.—SUBORDINATE LODGES.

CHAPTER I.

TO REGULATE THE INSTITUTION OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

56. A petition in the form prescribed by the Supreme Law for a Warrant to establish a Subordinate Lodge in this Domain, must be signed in their own handwriting by not less than ten persons eligible under Supreme Law to receive the Ranks of Knighthood. In case any of the petitioners are holders of withdrawal cards, such cards shall accompany such petition. Said petition shall be forwarded to the Grand Chancellor, who if after due investigation, shall determine to grant such petition, he shall issue or cause to be issued the Warrant for the institution of such Subordinate Lodge in the form prescribed by the Supreme Lodge.

57. No Warrant or Charter shall be granted to a Subordinate Lodge to be known by the name or title which is known to be the name or title of any living person.

58. When a petition is presented to the Grand Chancellor for Warrant to institute a new Subordinate Lodge in any city or town where two or more lodges already exist, it shall be accompanied by a certificate from a majority of the existing lodges giving their consent to the institution of such new lodge.

59. When a Warrant for the institution of a new Subordinate Lodge has been issued, the Grand Chancellor shall determine upon the time when said lodge shall be instituted, and shall cause the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to notify the petitioners of the date for such institution. At the time designated in said notice, and at the place selected for the same, the Grand Chancellor, or his duly authorized Deputy, as the case may be, having examined the hall and satisfied himself that it is adapted for conferring the Ranks, shall call the meeting of the petitioners to order, and in case of a Deputy, shall read his

commission as Instituting Officer. He shall also read the petition for the institution of the lodge, call the list of names upon said petition, and satisfy himself of the identity of each person answering such roll call.

60. The Instituting Officer shall then collect from all the petitioners who are not already members of the Order the fees for the three Ranks, which shall not be less than ten dollars. He will then require the applicants to vote by secret ball ballot on each name on the list, beginning with the last. He may, however, at his discretion, allow a single ballot to be taken for the entire list, having previously notified the applicants that if two black balls appear on the general ballot, a separate ballot will be required on each name. If the general ballot be "fair," he shall declare all the applicants elected. If two black balls appear, he will then require a separate ballot as provided in this section. Should any be rejected, he will return the fees paid by such rejected applicants.

61. The Instituting Officer will then exclude from the hall all who are not in possession of the Semi-Annual Password, and proceed to confer the Ranks of Knighthood upon the several petitioners who have been elected thereto.

62. In conferring the Ranks, precedence shall be given to those of the petitioners who at a preliminary meeting may have been selected as the first officers of the lodge.

63. When the Ranks of Knighthood shall have been conferred upon at least those of the petitioners who may have been previously chosen as officers, the instituting officer may proceed to hold the election of officers for said Subordinate Lodge for the current term.

64. The bonds of the bonded officers having been approved by a vote of the petitioners, the instituting officer shall install the officers elected.

65. The Instituting Officer shall then officially declare the lodge duly instituted, and deliver to the Chancellor Commander the Warrant therefor.

66. The Instituting Officer shall then pay over to the Master of Exchequer of the lodge the entire amount received as Rank fees from the petitioners, taking a receipt therefor.

67. As soon as practicable after the institution of a lodge, the Instituting Officer shall forward to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, a report showing :

1. The name, number and location of the lodge, together with a list of its officers and the date of its institution.
2. The number of petitioners for the institution of the lodge, and the number and names of those on whom the Ranks were conferred.
3. A list of the names of the applicants rejected on ballot.

68. Whenever a Subordinate Lodge has been instituted under a Warrant issued in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, such Subordinate Lodge may by formal vote petition the Grand Lodge for the issue of a Charter in lieu of such Warrant. The petition shall be in the form furnished by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and shall be signed by the Chancellor Commander and Keeper of Records and Seal, and shall be presented to the Grand Lodge, in convention assembled, when a Charter may be granted by the Grand Lodge. If granted, such Charter shall be in the form prescribed by the Supreme Lodge.

69. Upon the issuance of a Charter as provided in the preceding section, the Warrant shall be vacated and shall at once be returned to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

70. Should the Warrant or Charter of a Subordinate Lodge be lost or destroyed, the Grand Chancellor may issue a Warrant to serve in lieu of such Warrant or Charter until the next Convention of the Grand Lodge, when upon petition of such Subordinate Lodge, and at the pleasure of the Grand Lodge a duplicate Charter may be issued.

71. No Subordinate Lodge shall surrender its Warrant or Charter so long as seven members shall vote against such surrender, nor unless two weeks' notice in writing of the Convention at which the proposed surrender is to be acted on shall have been given to every member of the lodge.

72. Two or more Subordinate Lodges within this Domain may consolidate under the Charter or Warrant of either of them, or under a new Warrant or Charter; *provided*, that no Subor-

dinate Lodge shall be consolidated with another, except by formal vote of such lodges, and after at least two weeks notice of the proposed action has been given to every member thereof; *provided* also, that no Subordinate Lodge shall be consolidated with another so long as seven members thereof shall vote against such consolidation; and *provided* further, that all members of Subordinate Lodges consolidated and all persons holding unrevoked withdrawal cards issued thereby, or under suspension of such lodges, shall hold the same relation to the consolidated lodge as they held to their respective lodges at the date of such consolidation.

73. When two or more Subordinate Lodges in this Domain shall have determined to consolidate under the provisions of the preceding section, a joint committee composed of one or more members of each of such lodges shall prepare and submit to each of said lodges for ratification, articles of consolidation; said articles to contain the following information:

1. The proposition submitted to, and approved by each of said lodges.
2. The name and number, which shall be the number of one of said lodges of said consolidated lodge.
3. A list of the names of all the members of the proposed consolidated lodge.
4. The names of the officers chosen for said consolidated lodge.

Said articles shall be presented in writing, in duplicate, and signed by all members of said joint committee, and when ratified by the several lodges shall be certified under seal by the Chancellor Commander and Keeper of Records and Seal of each of said lodges and forwarded to the Grand Chancellor for his approval. If approved by the Grand Chancellor, he shall direct the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to notify in writing each of said lodges that an order for the proposed consolidation will issue as prayed for in said articles upon the surrender of Rituals, and officers jewels, except one set of each, the Warrant or Charter of all said lodges, except the one whose name and number are retained, and a fee of five dollars; *provided*, that if a new name has been chosen the Warrants or Charters of all of

said lodges shall be surrendered. On receipt by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of the above mentioned Rituals, jewels, Warrants or Charters, and fee, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall immediately forward to the Keeper of Records and Seal of the consolidated lodge the articles of consolidation with the order of the Grand Chancellor endorsed thereon; the remaining copy to be in like manner endorsed with said order and filed in the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

If the name of the lodge has been changed, a new Warrant or Charter shall be issued at once.

74. The Warrant or Charter of a Subordinate Lodge in this Domain may be revoked or suspended: •

1. When guilty of conduct disloyal or discreditable to the Order.

2. For neglecting or refusing to conform to, observe or enforce the Supreme Law, or any mandate of the Supreme Tribunal, or the Supreme Chancellor, or any law of this Grand Lodge, or Grand Chancellor, or either of them.

3. For neglecting or refusing to hold regular stated meetings, as provided by law, except for good cause shown.

4. For neglecting or refusing to make its returns, or for non-payment of dues or taxes to the Grand Lodge.

5. When the membership of said lodge has diminished to less than ten members: *Provided*, no such Warrant or Charter shall be suspended or revoked until the lodge shall have been duly notified of its alleged offense, and opportunity given for answer and defense; nor shall any such Warrant or Charter be revoked except by formal vote of the Grand Lodge.

75. Whenever a lodge ceases to work, or its Warrant or Charter has been surrendered, suspended or revoked, it shall be the duty of the Chancellor Commander, or if there be none, the last installed officers in the order of their seniority in Rank, to at once make an inventory of the Warrant or Charter, Rituals, books, jewels, emblems, and secret paraphernalia and funds of the lodge, and forward same to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, or deliver them to the Grand Chancellor or his duly authorized Deputy, on demand; all of which being the property

of the Grand Lodge, may be sold by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, at his discretion for the benefit of the Grand Lodge. Any officer or member of such lodge having possession of, or under his control, any of said property or effects, who refuses to surrender the same on demand made by the proper official shall be expelled from the Order. Any lodge whose Charter has been suspended or revoked may have all property and funds restored to it if reinstated within two years after date of forfeiture of its Warrant or Charter. And such lodge may be reinstated by a majority vote of members present at an Annual Regular Convention of the Grand Lodge, or by the Grand Chancellor, during recess, subject, however, to the approval of the Grand Lodge; in case of such reinstatement the members thereof and all persons holding unrevoked withdrawal cards from, or under suspension by, such Subordinate Lodge, shall hold the same relation to the reinstated lodge as they held thereto at the date of the surrender or suspension of its Warrant or Charter.

CHAPTER II.

OFFICIAL TERMS AND RETURNS.

76. The official terms of Subordinate Lodges in this Domain shall be semi-annual, and shall begin on the first day of January and July of each year, and shall close on the last day of June and December of each year.

77. At the close of each semi-annual term, each Subordinate Lodge shall report to the Grand Lodge upon printed forms furnished by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, which report must be properly attested by the officers for the term just closed. Such report, together with the amount of the tax or other assessment due the Grand Lodge, must be in the hands of the Installing Officer before the ceremony of installing the new officers has been performed, and it shall not be lawful to install such officers or communicate the Semi-Annual Password until such report and tax are placed in the Installing Officer's hands, who shall immediately transmit the same to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal the amount due the Grand Lodge, to be remitted by bank draft, postal or express money order, or registered letter, and not otherwise.

78. When a lodge shall have failed to send in reports and tax within four weeks after the close of a term, a Special Deputy Grand Chancellor may be commissioned by the Grand Chancellor to secure such report and tax, the expenses of such Deputy Grand Chancellor to be paid by the delinquent lodge.

CHAPTER III.

MEMBERSHIP.

79. To be eligible to membership and receive the Ranks of Knighthood in a Subordinate Lodge in this Domain, the applicant must possess the qualifications as prescribed in the Supreme Law; he must be an actual resident of the Jurisdiction of the Subordinate Lodge to which he makes application at the time of making the same, and an actual resident of this Domain for the preceding six months. *Provided always*, that if a person desires to apply to a Subordinate Lodge other than the one in whose territorial jurisdiction he is an actual resident, but within this Domain, such application shall be accompanied by the permission of the lodge within whose jurisdiction he has his residence.

80. A person who applies for membership in a Subordinate Lodge of this Domain and is a resident of another Domain, his application must be accompanied by the permission of the Grand Chancellor of the Domain within which he resides.

81. Applications for membership can only be presented at a regular stated meeting of a Subordinate Lodge and shall be made in the inanner and on the form of application prescribed by Supreme Law. Such application shall be signed in the applicant's own handwriting, and endorsed by two members of the lodge in good standing who have attained the Rank of Knight, and must be accompanied by the prescribed fee.

82. In any city, town or place in this Grand Domain, where more than one lodge exists, it shall be the duty of the Keeper of Records and Seal of the lodge receiving an application for membership, to immediately notify the remaining lodges of such application.

83. When an application is received as provided in this Chapter, it shall be referred to a committee of three members who have attained the Rank of Knight, neither of whom shall

have recommended the applicant. The committee shall take such steps as the members thereof may deem necessary, or as may be directed by law, to ascertain the qualifications and fitness of the applicant to become a member of the lodge and receive the Ranks of Knighthood, and shall report at a subsequent stated Convention, except as otherwise authorized by dispensation, with recommendation for the acceptance or rejection of the applicant.

84. Upon the report of the Investigating Committee, whether favorable or otherwise, such application shall be balloted upon by secret ball ballot. The ballot box must be provided with a sufficient number of ballots, black and white, to accommodate the members voting. The Master at Arms shall present the ballot box to the Chancellor Commander and Vice-Chancellor for inspection, and such officers shall satisfy themselves that the inner depository of such ballot box is empty. The Chancellor Commander will then deposit his ballot and the Master at Arms will then place the ballot box on the Altar, when the Chancellor Commander will announce the purpose of the ballot, and the method of voting, and each member will then advance to the Altar and deposit his ballot. Upon the completion of the ballot the ballot box shall be presented to the Vice-Chancellor at his station, who shall examine it and ascertain the result of said ballot, which result shall be announced by him to the Chancellor Commander; the ballot box shall then be presented to the Chancellor Commander, and if the ballot be found as announced by the Vice-Chancellor, the result thereof shall be declared to the lodge by the Chancellor Commander; should all the ballots cast be white, or not more than one of them black, the applicant shall be declared elected to receive all the Ranks of Knighthood; but should three or more black balls appear he shall be declared rejected. In case only two black balls appear upon the first ballot, the ballot shall be renewed immediately, and if upon the second ballot all the ballots cast be white, or not more than one black ball appear, the applicant shall be declared elected to receive all the Ranks of Knighthood; but if two or more black balls appear on the second ballot he shall be declared rejected. Cubes shall be deemed to be black balls within

the meaning of this section. Should the Chancellor Commander and Vice-Chancellor disagree as to the result of a ballot, the ballot box shall be presented to the Prelate at his station, and he shall inspect the same and announce to the Chancellor Commander the result of the ballot. The decision of the Prelate shall be final, and the result as announced by the Prelate shall be declared by the Chancellor Commander to the lodge. The number of black balls appearing upon any ballot shall in no case be declared by either of the officers to whom the ballot box may have been presented for inspection as in this Section hereinbefore provided.

85. If, after the election of an applicant to receive the Ranks of Knighthood and before either of such Ranks has been conferred upon him, two or more members of the lodge shall file with the Chancellor Commander written objections to his admission, the Chancellor Commander, without disclosing the names of the objectors, shall announce such objections in open lodge, and such announcement shall be entered upon the records of the lodge, whereupon the initiation of the candidate shall be stayed. Should the objections be withdrawn by the members filing them, within thirty days thereafter, then such withdrawal shall be entered upon the records of the lodge, and the stay of initiation shall be vacated, whereupon the candidate may receive the Ranks of Knighthood as if no objections had been filed. If the objections be not so withdrawn, they shall operate as black balls, and at the first meeting after the expiration of such thirty days the Chancellor Commander shall declare the applicant rejected. If similar objection to the advancement of a member who has not attained the Rank of Esquire or Knight be filed, the Chancellor Commander shall make like announcement, which shall be entered upon the records of the lodge and the advancement of the member shall be stayed. If the objections be withdrawn by the members filing them, within thirty days thereafter, then such withdrawal shall be entered upon the records of the lodge, and the stay of advancement shall be vacated, whereupon the member shall receive the ranks of Knighthood not already attained, as if no objection had been filed. If the objections be not so withdrawn, then after the expiration of such thirty days, a secret ball ballot shall be taken in the manner

provided in Section 84 of the Grand Statutes, when, if the result be favorable, the member may be advanced as if no objections had been filed, but, if the result of such ballot be unfavorable, all fees paid by the member for Ranks not already attained by him shall be at once returned, and his advancement shall be permanently stayed; *provided*, that after six months from the date of such permanent stay, the member, if in good standing in the lodge, may apply for advancement, accompanying his application with the amount of the fee then required by law, and such application shall be subject to investigation and ballot as provided in Section 81 to 84 of the Grand Statutes, when, if the result is favorable, the permanent stay shall be vacated, and the member shall receive the Ranks of Knighthood not already attained, as if no objections had been filed; but if the ballot be unfavorable, the Chancellor Commander shall declare the member rejected for advancement, and no other application for advancement shall be received from such member until the expiration of six months from the date of such rejection.

86. No ballot upon an application for the Ranks of Knighthood shall at any time be reconsidered nor renewed, except as provided in the preceding Section.

87. If the application for the Ranks of Knighthood be rejected, all fees received from the applicant for Ranks shall be at once returned to him, and no other application shall be received from such rejected applicant until the expiration of six months from the date of such rejection.

88. No application shall be withdrawn, except by consent of the lodge, given by a majority of the members present, nor at all after report of the investigating committee has been read to the lodge. No discussion of the result of a ballot or of the merits or demerits of a candidate shall be permitted at any time after such ballot, either in the lodge or out of it; nor shall any member of the Order disclose, directly or indirectly, either the report of the Investigating Committee or the character of any vote supposed to have been cast upon such ballot.

89. A Subordinate Lodge may confer the Ranks of Esquire and Knight, or either of them, on a member of the Order who has attained the Rank of Page or Esquire in another lodge, upon

the request of such other lodge under seal. The Subordinate Lodge which shall have conferred a Rank in accordance with this Section shall immediately notify the lodge which preferred the request therefor, of the date upon which such Rank was conferred. Upon receipt of such notice, record thereof shall be made upon the books of the lodge receiving it.

90. One week must elapse between the conferring of any two Ranks upon the same person, except the first four conventions of a new lodge, and except as otherwise permitted by Dispensation.

91. No Rank shall be conferred until the fee therefor has been paid, and no portion of such fee shall be refunded, donated or returned, directly or indirectly, except as provided in this Chapter.

92. A Subordinate Lodge shall not ballot on the application for the Ranks of Knighthood at the same Convention at which it was received, except upon written dispensation therefor.

93. When an applicant has been balloted for, the Keeper of Records and Seal shall send to him notice of his election or rejection. Withdrawal, Grand or Supreme Lodge Cards, accompanying all applications for membership which may have been rejected, shall be returned to the applicant un mutilated, without any indorsement thereon.

94. An applicant for membership who has been elected and fails to present himself for initiation within three months after notice of his election, shall forfeit to the lodge the fee paid by him; *provided*, that the lodge may for good cause shown extend the time of forfeiture.

95. An application for membership in this Domain, as provided in this Chapter must be made to the lodge nearest the residence of the applicant, by the shortest travelled practical route, except in cities or towns in which more than one lodge is located, such lodges shall have concurrent jurisdiction and application may be made to either of them.

96. Applications for membership by Withdrawal Card, Transfer Card, Grand or Supreme Lodge Card, shall be made

as in this Chapter provided for application for membership by initiation.

97. Should the holder of a Withdrawal Card, a Grand or Supreme Lodge Card desire at any time to become affiliated with any Subordinate Lodge in his Domain, he must make application to such lodge in the manner provided in this Chapter and attach his card to such application. All the provisions of this Chapter shall apply to such application, except that in case of rejection the application may be renewed to the same or a different Subordinate Lodge, after one month from the date of said rejection. If the applicant be elected it shall be the duty of the Keeper of Records and Seal of such lodge to at once notify the lodge issuing such card thereof, and the membership of the applicant shall date from such election.

98. An application for membership by deposit of transfer card in any Subordinate Lodge in this Domain, shall be accompanied by such card and subject to the investigation and ballot hereinbefore provided in this Chapter. If the applicant be elected, his membership in the lodge of issue shall thereupon cease and determine, and his membership in the lodge to which application is made shall begin. The Keeper of Records and Seal of the lodge of deposit shall at once address and forward by mail the coupon notice of such election to the lodge issuing the transfer card. Upon receipt of such notice by the lodge of issue, it shall be read in open lodge, and record thereof shall be made by the Keeper of Records and Seal and Master of Finance upon the books of the lodge. If the applicant be rejected, the transfer card shall be filed in the lodge to which it is addressed, and no similar application by that applicant shall be considered by that lodge for ninety days from the date of the card.

99. A Subordinate Lodge may by a provision in its By-Laws, require every applicant for membership or re-instatement, to furnish a certificate of some reputable physician as to the condition of his mental and bodily health.

100. The membership and obligation to pay dues of an applicant for admission by initiation, commences at the time he is initiated.

CHAPTER IV.

OFFICERS, THEIR ELECTION AND INSTALLATION.

101. The Ritualistic Officers of a Subordinate Lodge shall consist of a Chancellor Commander, Vice Chancellor, Prelate, Master of the Work, Keeper of Records and Seal, Master of Finance, Master of Exchequer, Master at Arms, Inner Guard and Outer Guard, who shall be elected semi-annually, at the last stated Convention of the lodge in the months of May and November of each year, to serve during the succeeding official term, and until their successors have been duly elected and installed.

102. The Non-Ritualistic Officers of a Subordinate Lodge shall be a Board of Trustees, consisting of three members who shall have attained the Rank of Knight, and are in good standing in such lodge. Each lodge shall at its first regular stated Convention in January of each year, elect one Trustee to serve three years, and until his successor is duly elected and qualified. New lodges shall elect three Trustees, one to serve until the end of the official term during which elected, one until the expiration of the first, and one until the expiration of the second official term thereafter, and at the expiration of such term of service of each, his successor shall be elected for a term of three years. All vacancies in the office of Trustee shall be filled in the same manner as the original selection, to serve the unexpired term, provided that lodges, incorporated under the laws of this province, may dispense with the Board of Trustees, and act under the seal of the lodge.

103. Any Knight in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge shall be eligible to any office in the lodge of which he is a member.

104. Nominations of candidates for office in a Subordinate Lodge may be made at the regular stated Convention of the lodge next preceding the election, and at the time of the election of such officers.

105. Nominations and election of officers shall be made in the order of their seniority as prescribed in the Ritual.

106. All officers of a Subordinate Lodge shall be separately elected by a majority vote upon written ballot.

107. The Chancellor Commander shall appoint two members of the lodge as tellers, who shall receive the ballots, and after the poll is closed in each case, call each vote audibly. The Keeper of Records and Seal shall keep the tally, announce the result, and register same upon the minutes.

108. Whenever the number of ballots cast shall exceed the number of members present and entitled to vote, the ballot shall be declared void and another taken immediately.

109. Whenever there shall be but one candidate for any office, the Chancellor Commander may designate some officer of the lodge to cast the ballot of the lodge for said candidate.

110. The Master of Finance and Master of Exchequer shall each give bond, with two or more sureties, in such sum as the By-Laws of the lodge may prescribe, for the faithful discharge of their official duties, said bonds to be approved by the lodge.

111. Except as hereinafter provided, all officers of a Subordinate Lodge shall be installed at the first stated Convention of the term for which they are to serve; *provided*, that all requirements of the Grand Lodge relative thereto have been complied with, and *provided*, also, that no such officer shall be installed unless he be in good standing and has fully paid to his lodge all dues and claims of whatsoever nature then accrued. If any such officer elect shall be disqualified for installation, or shall be absent at the time designated for installation, the Installing Officer, unless such absence be excused by formal vote of the lodge, shall declare a vacancy in the office, which vacancy shall at once be filled by election. No officer shall assume the duties of his office until he has been regularly installed. Any officer elect who may be absent from the regular installation, and whose absence shall be excused by his lodge, may be installed at a subsequent meeting, at the convenience of the lodge and of the Installing Officer. Should the installation for any cause not be held at the meeting herein designated, then it shall take place at the earliest meeting thereafter which the convenience of the lodge and of the Installing Officer will allow, but in such case the Keeper of Records and Seal shall notify all officers elect to be present at such meeting. Installa-

tion of officers of a Subordinate Lodge shall be in the manner and form prescribed by the Supreme Lodge in the established installation services.

112. Vacancies in office, by whatever cause produced, shall be filled in the manner of the original selection, and such officers shall be installed at the earliest convenience of the lodge and of the Installing Officer. Officers so chosen and installed shall hold office for the remainder of the official term, and shall, upon the installation of their successors, or upon installation as their own successors, and not otherwise, be deemed to have served the full term, and in the case of the Chancellor Commander shall be entitled to the Honor of Past Chancellor.

113. The Honor of Past Chancellor can only be attained by service as Chancellor Commander, and at the institution of a new Subordinate Lodge when four members may be elected to receive such Honors.

114. Every officer, during the interim between election and his installation, shall perfect himself in a knowledge of the charges and duties pertaining to his office, by memorizing the same, and be able to deliver the charges of his office orally; and the Installing Officer, prior to installation, may examine each officer therein, in open lodge, and if any officer shall not pass a satisfactory examination, the Installing Officer may refuse to install him into office, and report the same to the lodge, which may thereupon declare the office vacant, and immediately fill the vacancy by election, and the officer so chosen and installed into office to fill such vacancy must perfect himself as above required, within one month thereafter, in default of which he shall be removed from office by the lodge.

115. The duties of the several officers of a Subordinate Lodge shall be as defined in the Ritual of the Order, the Supreme and Grand Law, and as may, from time to time, be directed by the Subordinate Lodge when not conflicting therewith.

116. An officer may be removed from office for continued absence from lodge conventions or inattention to his official duties, or conduct unbecoming his standing in the Order, by a vote of two-thirds of the members voting thereon at a Regular Stated Convention of the lodge; *provided*, that the delinquent

has been notified by the Keeper of Records and Seal by order of the lodge, at least one week prior to the said action being had.

117. Each Board of Trustees shall select one of its number for Chairman, who shall be the custodian of all funds, notes, mortgages, deeds, contracts, agreements, insurance policies, and other paper of legal or financial value to the lodge, and in the possession of the Trustees, and one of its number as Secretary, who shall keep a record of all acts of the Board, and of accounts between the Trustees and the lodge. The Board of Trustees shall have charge of all real estate and personal property of the lodge, and shall see that the same is kept in good condition, and shall have control, subject to the order of the lodge, of all moneys set apart for investment, and shall manage the same in such manner as will insure to the best interests of the lodge, or as the lodge may specially direct, and shall keep a complete inventory of all the property of the lodge. It shall render report to the lodge whenever called upon so to do by resolution or motion, and immediately after the close of each official term, and in time for examination by the Auditing Committee a full report of its transactions, together with all its books, papers, notes, mortgages, etc., all of which the Auditing Committee shall examine, and make full report thereon to the lodge, at its next Regular Stated Convention thereafter. It shall perform such other duties, consistent with the official position of its members, as are prescribed by law and as the lodge may from time to time direct. Each member of the Board of Trustees shall give bond in such sum and with such sureties as the lodge may direct, for the faithful performance of their official duties.

CHAPTER V.

RELATING TO GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

118. Grand Representatives shall be elected as provided in Article III, Sections 5 and 6 of the Grand Constitution; *provided*, in case of a vacancy occurring, from any cause, in the office of Grand Representative, within two weeks prior to the Annual Regular Convention of the Grand Lodge, the Chancellor Com-

mander of the lodge may appoint a Past Chancellor of the lodge, qualified to serve, to fill such vacancy; but when occurring more than two weeks prior to the Annual Regular Convention of the Grand Lodge, the lodge shall fill the vacancy in the manner of the original selection.

119. Every Grand Representative, before his admission to the Grand Lodge, as such, shall be required to file with the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal a credential in form as follows:

Castle Hall.....Lodge No....K. of P.
.....B. C.....18...

To the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, of British Columbia:

This is to certify that Past Chancellor..... has been duly elected a Grand Representative of this Lodge to the Grand Lodge, to serve from the....day of January, 18...until the first day of January, 18...; that he is a member in good standing in this lodge, and has fully paid all dues and claims of whatever nature.

Witness, our signatures, and the seal of the lodge affixed, the day and year first above written.

(Seal of the Lodge.).....C. C.
.....K. of R. and S.

This Credential shall be issued in duplicate, one copy thereof shall be delivered to the Grand Representative elected or appointed, and the other copy shall be forwarded by the Keeper of Records and Seal to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. A Grand Representative must also be provided with a Past Chancellor's Certificate, unless the same has been previously filed in the Grand Lodge.

CHAPTER VI.

RELATING TO PAST CHANCELLOR'S CERTIFICATES.

120. A member of a Subordinate Lodge, upon becoming entitled to the honor of Past Chancellor, having served as Chancellor Commander of such lodge, or by election at the institution of a new lodge, shall be entitled to receive a certificate as a Past Chancellor, showing that he is entitled to that honor, which certificate shall be signed by the Chancellor Commander and Keeper of Records and Seal, and have the seal of the lodge affixed thereto and shall be in one of the forms following:

Castle Hall..... Lodge No.... K. of P.
..... B. C. 18...

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of British Columbia :

This is to certify that Past Chancellor..... having been duly qualified, passed the Chancellor Commander's chair of this lodge, being clear of the books and under no charge, is fully qualified to become a member of the Grand Lodge of B. C.

Witness our signatures and the seal of the lodge affixed the day and date first above written.

(Seal of the lodge.) C. C.
..... K. of R. and S.

Castle Hall..... Lodge No.... K. of P.
..... B. C. 18...

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of British Columbia :

This is to certify that Past Chancellor..... has been elected one of the first four Past Chancellors of this lodge and being clear of the books and under no charge, is fully qualified to become a member of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

Witness our signatures and the seal of the lodge affixed the day and date first above written.

(Seal of the lodge.) C. C.
..... K. of R. and S.

The filing of said certificate with the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, shall be a condition precedent to admission to membership in the Grand Lodge.

CHAPTER VII.

RELATING TO COMMITTEES.

121. The Chancellor Commander shall, on the night of his installation, appoint a Finance Committee, consisting of three members who have attained the Rank of Knight, to serve during the term, and until their successors are appointed. All bills against the lodge not otherwise provided for shall be referred to the Finance Committee, which shall carefully examine the same and make report thereon to the lodge, and no bills so referred shall be acted upon, or ordered paid, until duly reported by the committee; *provided*, that if said committee fail to make report thereon at the next Regular Stated Convention after reference, the lodge may recall the same from the committee and take such action thereon as may be required. It shall also con-

sider and report upon such other financial matters as may be referred to it from time to time by the lodge.

122. At the last Regular Stated Convention of the lodge in each official term, the Chancellor Commander shall appoint an Auditing Committee, consisting of three members who have attained the Rank of Knight, who are entirely disinterested, to examine the books and audit the accounts of the officers of the lodge, and it shall be the duty of said committee to make a true and correct report thereon, at the next Regular Stated Convention. It shall carefully examine the books of the Master of Finance, see that they are correctly kept, that the ledger is properly posted, and that the receipts of the Master of Exchequer correspond with the amount received as shown by the cash book of the Master of Finance; also, to examine the books, accounts and vouchers of the Master of Exchequer and Board of Trustees, and see that the funds are correctly accounted for, causing balance of cash on hand, if any, notes, etc., to be exhibited to it, and give in its report a detailed statement of funds received and for what purpose, and funds paid out and for what purpose; and to examine and verify the semi-annual report to the Grand Lodge, prior to its presentation to the lodge. Immediately after its appointment, the committee shall notify the Master of Finance, Master of Exchequer and Trustees, of the time and place of meeting for said examination, and it is hereby made the duty of the officers named, to attend the meeting of the Auditing Committee, with their books, (which must be properly written up and posted), papers and vouchers, and to render to the committee all proper assistance in the discharge of its duties. This Section is held to apply to any fund or other trust in connection with a lodge.

CHAPTER VIII.

RELATING TO CONVENTIONS.

123. Subordinate Lodges shall hold Regular Stated Conventions once in each week, upon such day, and at such hour as may be fixed by By-laws; *provided*, that Regular Stated Conventions may be held at longer intervals, upon dispensation granted by the Grand Lodge or Grand Chancellor.

124. Special Conventions may be called by the Chancellor Commander when deemed necessary by him, and it shall be his duty to do so upon the written request of seven members who have attained the Rank of Knight. Such request shall state distinctly the business to be transacted, and the day and hour at which the Convention shall be held, and if granted, the request and call shall be delivered to the Keeper of Records and Seal, who shall notify the members verbally, or by written, printed or published notice, and shall enter both request and call in full upon the minutes of the lodge.

125. Not less than seven members who have attained the Rank of Knight shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

126. If no quorum be present at a Stated or Special Convention of the lodge, the Keeper of Records and Seal shall note upon the minutes the names of the members present, and the fact that no Convention was held for want of a quorum.

127. The lodge shall transact all business in the Knight Rank, except the actual conferring of the Ranks of Page or Esquire, or on the trial of a member of the Rank of Page or Esquire, when the business shall be transacted in the highest Rank attained by the member on trial.

128. No business shall be transacted at a Special Convention except that which is expressly stated in the call therefor.

129. All meetings of a Subordinate Lodge must be opened and closed in ritualistic form.

CHAPTER IX.

RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF A PRESIDING OFFICER OTHER THAN THE CHANCELLOR COMMANDER OR VICE-CHANCELLOR.

130. The Chancellor Commander is the executive officer of a Subordinate Lodge, and in addition to his duties as such, it shall be his duty to preside at all Conventions of his lodge. In the event of his absence at the time fixed by law for calling a Convention to order, or in case he is present at the time and refuses to call the lodge to order within fifteen minutes of the time fixed by law for opening the lodge, and a quorum is present,

the Vice-Chancellor shall take the chair, and perform, for the time being, the duties of Chancellor Commander. If both these officers are absent, or are present and neglect or refuse to preside, the members present shall proceed to select, by vote, some one from among themselves to preside, voting first upon the Past Chancellors, and, in case of failure to secure a presiding officer from among them, then upon those who have received the Rank of Knight. The person so selected to preside shall have, while in the chair, the same power to conduct the business of the lodge and to preside while the Ranks are being conferred, that is devolved by the law upon a Chancellor Commander.

CHAPTER X.

RELATING TO FEES.

131. The fee for the Ranks of Knighthood shall be as prescribed in the By-Laws of the Subordinate Lodge; *provided*, that in no case shall such fees be less than fifteen dollars; *provided* further, that at the institution of a new lodge the fee shall be as prescribed in Section 60 of the Grand Statutes, and *provided* further, that not less than one-third of the total amount of the fee prescribed for the Ranks of Knighthood must be paid into the exchequer of an existing lodge before an applicant for membership therein by initiation can be legally elected to receive the Ranks of Knighthood; and one-third of the prescribed fee shall be paid prior to the conferring of the Rank of Esquire or Knight; and *provided* further, that the Grand Chancellor shall have power and authority to grant a dispensation to any Subordinate Lodge to confer the Ranks of Knighthood for a given period, to be fixed by the Grand Chancellor, for a less amount than the prescribed fee, but in no case shall the total amount charged for the three Ranks be less than ten dollars.

132. The fee for affiliation by withdrawal card, Grand or Supreme Lodge card or transfer card, shall be such as a Subordinate Lodge may prescribe which must accompany the application.

133. The fee to be charged by a Subordinate Lodge for re-instatement to membership therein of a member suspended

for non-payment of arrearages, shall be an amount equal to not less than one year's dues.

134. The fee for the issuance of a withdrawal card shall be one dollar.

135. The fee for the issuance of a transfer card shall be the amount of three months' dues, in advance, and one dollar.

CHAPTER XI.

RELATING TO DUES, ARREARS, PENALTIES, RESTORATIONS, ETC.

136. The amount of dues required to be paid by each member of a Subordinate Lodge shall be as prescribed by the By-Laws of such lodge, but shall in no case be less than three dollars per annum.

137. The payment of dues shall not be required before the end of the stated periods for which they are payable except that, if a member receive a transfer card, he shall be charged with dues pro rata for ninety days beyond the date of application for such card; or if he apply for a withdrawal card, he shall be charged with dues pro rata up to the date of the granting of such card.

138. A member shall be in arrears when his dues, accrued at the end of a period for which the same are payable, remain unpaid at midnight of the last day of such period. A Subordinate Lodge may collect dues in advance, but a member shall not be deemed in arrears or deprived of benefits or of the Semi-Annual Pass Word because of failure to make such payment in advance.

139. All dues, fines and assessments provided in this Chapter shall be due and payable on or before the last stated meeting in the months of March, June, September and December of each calendar year. It shall be the duty of the Master of Finance, at least two weeks prior to the last meeting in each quarter to notify each member whose account shows that he will be in arrears for an amount equal to three months' dues or more at the termination of the quarter, of the amount that will be due, if not paid prior to the close of the quarter, and stating the penalty for non-payment. Such notice shall be delivered in

person, or mailed to the last known post office address of such member.

140. Subordinate Lodges may, subject to the Supreme Law and legislation of the Grand Lodge, provide for the imposition of fines and assessments upon their members, which fines and assessments shall become due and payable upon the next succeeding date for the payment of dues, and their non-payment at such date shall thereupon render the member in arrears and subject to all the provisions of this Chapter; *provided*, that fines and assessments imposed within one month preceding the end of a stated period for which dues are payable shall not become due and payable until the next succeeding date for the payment of dues.

141. When a member shall have become in arrears for dues, fines and assessments equal to the amount of one year's dues, the Master of Finance of his lodge shall forthwith notify him, by mail to his address as shown upon the books of the lodge, that he is so in arrears, and that, if such arrearages are not paid within thirty days after the date of such notice, he will be suspended from the lodge and from the Order. The Master of Finance shall receive any payments which may be tendered to him in response to such notice, at any time prior to action of the lodge thereon, *provided*, the amount so tendered shall be at least equal to three months' dues. If, at a Convention of the lodge held after the expiration of the time specified in such notice, the member so notified shall not have made payment of arrearages as hereinbefore provided, the Master of Finance shall notify the lodge to that effect and that the notice required by this Section has been sent. The account of said member shall thereupon be read, when, if objection be made to the account, such objection shall be fully stated and hearing had before the lodge. Immediately upon reading of the account, or after the hearing thereon, if objection be made thereto, the question whether or not the member is in arrears for an amount equal to one year's dues shall be submitted to vote of the lodge, and if the lodge shall vote that the member is so in arrears, the Chancellor Commander shall thereupon declare him suspended from the lodge and the Order, and such suspension shall be

entered upon the records of the lodge; but such declaration by the Chancellor Commander shall in no case be made unless the notice herein required shall have been sent, nor unless the lodge shall previously determine by formal vote that the member is in arrears for an amount equal to one year's dues, which fact must be made of record upon the books of the lodge; *provided*, that said member shall not be so declared suspended if at the time he is under charges.

142. A member who shall be suspended under the provisions of this Chapter shall be known as a suspended member, and shall have no claim upon the Order nor any lodge thereof, nor upon any member of the Order, for any Pythian right, benefit or privilege whatsoever, until after he shall have been reinstated as provided by law. He shall not be chargeable with dues, fines or assessments during the period of his suspension.

143. If any such suspended member shall commit an offense against the Order, charges may be preferred against him either in the lodge by which he was suspended, or in any lodge within whose territorial jurisdiction the offense was committed; whereupon the person so charged shall be summoned before such lodge, and trial shall be had in the manner provided by law for offenders who are members of the Order. If he shall be convicted of the offense charged, the trial lodge shall thereupon declare the offender expelled from the Order, and if such lodge be other than that by which he was suspended, notice of its action shall at once be given that lodge through the Keeper of Records and Seal.

144. A member suspended from membership for the non-payment of arrearages, who desires to be restored to membership, may make application therefor to the Subordinate Lodge by which he was so suspended. Such application shall be accompanied by the amount of his indebtedness to the lodge at the time of his suspension, or such sum as the By-Laws of such lodge may prescribe for re-instatement, which amount shall be equal to one year's dues.

145. Such application shall be read in open lodge, at a Stated Convention thereof, and referred to an Investigating

Committee of three, as in the case of an application for the Ranks of Knighthood, and no further action shall be taken on such application by the lodge for one week, and until the report of the Investigating Committee shall have been made to the lodge.

146. Upon the report of the Investigating Committee, and subject to the restrictions of the preceding Section, such application shall be balloted upon by secret ball ballot, as in case of an application for the Ranks of Knighthood, except that, if two-thirds of all the balls deposited upon such ballot be white, the applicant shall be declared re-instated; but should more than one-third of the balls deposited be black, the ballot shall be renewed immediately. Should two-thirds or more of the balls deposited on the second ballot be white, the applicant shall be declared re-instated; but should more than one-third of the balls be black, the applicant for re-instatement shall be declared rejected, and no further application for the re-instatement of the applicant so rejected shall be received by the lodge for the period of six months after the date of such rejection. Cubes shall be deemed to be black balls within the meaning of this Section.

147. A member of the Order, who has been re-instated to membership as hereinbefore provided, shall not be chargeable with any dues accrued during the period of his suspension, nor with any assessments imposed during such period.

CHAPTER XII.

TO DEFINE THE STATUS OF MEMBERS UNDER SUSPENSION FOR ANY CAUSE OTHER THAN NON-PAYMENT OF ARREARAGES.

148. The penalty of suspension from the Order for offenses against it may be either:

1. For a term fixed by the lodge at the time of the suspension, which shall be known as "definite suspension; or,
2. At the pleasure of the lodge, which shall be known as "indefinite suspension."

149. A person who may be under suspension, either "definite" or "indefinite," shall have no claim upon the Order, nor upon any lodge or member thereof, for any Pythian right,

privilege or benefit whatsoever, until after his suspension shall have been terminated as provided by law. He shall not be chargeable with dues or assessments during the period of his suspension.

150. A person under "definite suspension" shall, at the expiration of the term of such suspension, become and be reinstated to the standing held by him at the date of his suspension, without formal vote or action of the lodge, and shall thereupon be subject to all the obligations and entitled to all the rights pertaining to such standing.

151. If a person who is under suspension, either "definite" or "indefinite," shall desire re-instatement prior to the expiration of such suspension, he may petition the Grand Chancellor of this Domain for permission to apply to such lodge for re-instatement. He shall accompany such petition with a full statement of the facts upon which he relies to justify his application, and with proof that he has notified the lodge of his intention to make such petition. If such petition be granted by the Grand Chancellor, the petitioner may thereupon make application to the lodge by which he was suspended, for immediate re-instatement, and such lodge may, after hearing, grant the application for re-instatement, or may reduce the term of suspension; *provided*, at least one week's notice has been given to every member of such lodge of the meeting at which action thereon will be taken, and *provided*, also, that not less than two-thirds of the members present at such meeting, and entitled to vote, shall vote in favor thereof.

152. When a lodge by whose action a person is under "definite" or "indefinite" suspension, the term of which has not expired, has become defunct, and such person desires re-instatement in the Order, he may petition the Grand Chancellor for permission to apply to any Subordinate Lodge within whose territorial jurisdiction he resides, for reinstatement to membership in the Order; whereupon such Grand Chancellor shall make such investigation as he may deem advisable and necessary as to the propriety of granting the petition, and shall submit the petition, together with the result of his investigation, to the Grand Lodge at its next Convention. Should the Grand

Lodge grant the petition the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and shall give the petitioner official printed or written notice thereof, in the manner and form as prescribed by the Supreme Statutes.

CHAPTER XIII.

TO DEFINE GOOD STANDING IN SUBORDINATE LODGES.

153. A Page, Esquire or Knight shall be considered to be in good standing in the Subordinate Lodge of which he is a member.

1. If he is not under suspension from membership for the non-payment of arrearages or for other causes.
2. If he is not under trial in a Subordinate Lodge for the violation of Pythian Laws or other offenses punishable by suspension or expulsion from membership.
3. If he is not subject to charges duly made and filed, as provided by law.
4. If he has not renounced the Order.

CHAPTER XIV.

RELATING TO FUNERAL BENEFITS.

154. Each Subordinate Lodge in this Grand Domain shall pay a funeral benefit of not less than twenty dollars upon the death of a member thereof, of any Rank, who was in good standing at the time of his death, such payment to be made as provided in the By-Laws of the lodge.

155. A Subordinate Lodge which provides for the payment of a larger sum than twenty dollars, as a funeral benefit, may prescribe in its By-Laws the person or persons to whom the amount in excess of that sum is to be paid, or it may provide that the amount in excess thereof shall be expended under the direction of the lodge toward defraying the funeral expenses of the deceased member. To be entitled to the privileges conferred by this Section, a Subordinate Lodge must take advantage thereof by the adoption of such provisions in its By-Laws as will secure them.

156. When a Subordinate Lodge provides in its By-Laws that the amount of its funeral benefits in excess of twenty dollars

shall be applied toward the payment of funeral expenses, it shall be the sole judge as to what portion of said excess shall be expended for that purpose; and the rights of the party entitled under the By-Laws of a lodge to the twenty dollar funeral benefit shall be held to have been satisfied whenever such twenty dollars has been paid to such party.

157. The suicide of a member shall not release his Subordinate Lodge from the payment of the twenty dollars as funeral benefit.

CHAPTER XV.

RELATING TO WEEKLY BENEFITS.

158. Every Knight in good standing in his Lodge, incapacitated by sickness or other disability, not caused by his own vice or immorality, from attending to his usual business, shall be entitled to receive such benefits as the Lodge may prescribe; such benefits shall begin from the commencement of disability, *provided*, that notice of such disability shall be given to his Lodge within ten days from such commencement, and shall not be paid for a period less than one week.

CHAPTER XVI.

RELATING TO ARREARS AND DISABILITY.

159. Every member in arrears to the lodge to the amount of three months dues, or more, shall stand suspended from weekly benefits.

160. A member if taken sick or disabled when in arrears for dues to the amount of three months, cannot, by the payment of such arrears, entitle himself to benefits during that sickness or disability; nor can he, while receiving benefits from the lodge, become in arrears so as to debar him therefrom; the Chancellor Commander is authorized to pay to the Master of Finance, from the amount drawn for his benefits, a sum to keep him in beneficial standing.

161. A member cannot rightfully claim benefits when disabled so as to prevent him from following his usual occupation, but able to pursue some other business, nor when disabled by any disease or infirmity with which he was afflicted previous to

his initiation or admission into the lodge; nor from any sickness or other disability originating from intemperance, vicious or immoral conduct, nor while charges are pending against him.

162. When, after due trial, a member has been acquitted, all rights to benefits, possessed by him, are revived as of the time charges were preferred if otherwise entitled.

163. The Chancellor Commander, Vice-Chancellor and Master of Exchequer of a Subordinate Lodge shall constitute a Relief Committee. The Relief Committee shall at each Stated Convention, make a report of their acts of the previous week; stating what brothers have been reported to them as needing attention, and what has been done or is necessary to be done in each case; and it shall be the duty of the Chancellor Commander to pay over to the sick such weekly benefits, if any, as they may be entitled to.

164. A Subordinate Lodge may By-Law provide for the employment of a nurse for a sick or disabled brother at the expense of the lodge, when the necessity thereof exists.

165. Subordinate Lodges shall have power, by a two-thirds vote of all the members present at any regular Convention, to make appropriations in such sums as they shall determine, for the relief of any brother, or widow or family of a brother. A lodge is not responsible to another lodge for moneys advanced for a brother without its authority.

CHAPTER XVII.

RELATING TO GENERAL RELIEF BUREAU.

166. In all cities and towns where there are two or more lodges, each lodge may at the last Regular Convention in June and December of each year elect one member for a term of one year to serve as member of a General Relief Bureau of the Knights of Pythias. The members of such Bureau shall organize with a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, and shall have full power to adopt rules of Order and By-Laws for the purpose of facilitating its operations.

167. It shall be the duty of this Bureau to extend such relief as may be deemed expedient to transient brothers who

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may make application therefor, or to brothers who may be sent to it from a Lodge that is represented on the Bureau.

168. All applicants shall be required to prove to the satisfaction of the Bureau that they are entitled to care and relief. The Secretary shall notify the lodge of which the brother is a member of the amount of relief granted.

169. For the purpose of supplying the necessary funds for the carrying into operation the duties and objects of this Bureau, it may from time to time request a pro rata assessment upon the several lodges represented; *Provided* that no assessment shall be levied, if the Bureau has one hundred dollars on hand available for relief.

170. The General Relief Bureau shall keep accurate minutes of their transactions, and shall make semi-annual reports of the several lodges represented, and shall, at the last meeting of each official term, deliver to their successors all books, papers and moneys belonging to the Bureau.

171. The Bureau shall keep a roster in some suitable place for unemployed members of the Order of the Knight Rank, in good standing, to register their name, occupation and residence.

CHAPTER XVIII.

RELATING TO THE ISSUE OF TRANSFER CARDS.

172. Any member in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge, who may desire to change his membership to another lodge, may make application in writing over his own signature, for a Transfer Card. Such application shall state the name, number and location of the lodge to which such member desires to transfer his membership, and shall be accompanied by a fee fixed by law for a Transfer Card, and the amount of his dues and assessments accrued, and dues in advance for ninety days from the date of the presentation of such application to the lodge.

173. An application for a Transfer Card shall be read in open lodge, and a record of such fact made upon the minutes of such lodge, and the further consideration of the matter shall be postponed until the next Regular Convention of the lodge,

at which time, if no charges are pending against the applicant, and he is in good standing in the lodge, the Chancellor Commander shall order the Transfer card to be issued without any vote of the lodge. When the issue of such card has been ordered by the Chancellor Commander, the Keeper of Records and Seal shall forthwith prepare the same and cause it to be duly signed by the Chancellor Commander and attested by himself, and shall deliver it to the member requesting it, either in person or by mail, to his address as it appears on the books of the lodge.

171. The Transfer Card shall be addressed to the lodge which the applicant has designated in his application, shall certify the Rank of Knighthood which he may have attained, and his good standing in the lodge of issue, and shall recite the holder desires to become affiliated with the lodge to which it is addressed.

CHAPTER XIX.

RELATING TO ISSUE OF WITHDRAWAL CARDS AND GRAND LODGE CARDS.

175. Any member of the Order who is not indebted to his lodge, and is not under charges, may apply to his lodge in writing over his own signature for a Withdrawal Card. The fee to accompany such application shall be one dollar.

176. Such application shall be read in open lodge, whereupon the Chancellor Commander shall enquire whether objection exists to the issuance of such card, and if no objection be made, he shall, except as provided in Section 181 of the Grand Statutes, at once order its issue without formal vote of the lodge thereof. If objection be made, the Chancellor Commander shall at once require the objection to be formulated in writing, as charges against the applicant for card, which charges shall take the course provided by law, unless the application be withdrawn; and if upon final hearing the defendant be convicted, the application shall be denied, and no further application from him for such Card shall be received or considered until the penalty following such conviction shall have been fully discharged. If the applicant be acquitted, the

Chancellor Commander shall, except as proved in Section 181 of the Grand Statutes, thereupon order the issuance of such card, unless the applicant shall have withdrawn in writing his request therefor. In any case where the Chancellor Commander shall order the issuance of a withdrawal card, he shall endorse his order upon the application for the card, with the date thereof, and the card shall be at once prepared and attested by the Keeper of Records and Seal, signed by the Chancellor Commander, and delivered immediately to the applicant therefor; either in person or by mail, to his address as shown on the books of the lodge.

177. A member of a Subordinate lodge which shall have become defunct, may make application for a Grand Lodge Card to the Grand Chancellor, accompanying his application with satisfactory proof of his good standing in his Subordinate Lodge when the same became defunct, together with the fee of one dollar; whereupon the Grand Chancellor shall endorse his order upon the application, directing the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to issue to the applicant a Grand Lodge Card.

178. A member of a Subordinate Lodge which shall have become defunct, who is under suspension for nonpayment of dues, may make application for a Grand Lodge Card to the Grand Chancellor, accompanying his application with the fee of one dollar for the card, and the amount of one year's dues, as required by the lodge at the date of his suspension; whereupon the Grand Chancellor shall endorse his order upon the application, and shall cause a Grand Lodge Card to be issued and delivered to the applicant, as provided in the preceding section.

179. Upon the order of the Chancellor Commander for the issue of a Withdrawal Card, or of the Grand Chancellor for the issue of a Grand Lodge Card, the applicant therefor shall be known as an ex-member of the Order, and the membership of such applicant in his lodge and in the Order shall cease and determine, except as hereinafter provided, and any official position held by him shall thereupon become vacant; but honors previously attained by him shall be retained. He shall have no

claim upon the Order or upon any lodge thereof for any Pythian privilege or benefit whatsoever.

180. If an ex-member, as defined in the preceding section, shall commit an offense against the Order, which, if committed by a member of the Order, would subject the offender to the penalties prescribed for such offenses, then, and in that case, such ex-member may be proceeded against as if he were a member of the Order, and upon conviction of the offense as charged, the Withdrawal Card or Grand Lodge Card held by such ex-member shall stand revoked and annulled, and the holder of such Card shall thereupon be perpetually prohibited from gaining membership in any lodge of the Order.

181. Should any such Card be lost or destroyed, the holder thereof may apply in writing to the source of issue for a duplicate, which, upon satisfactory proof of such loss and upon payment of one dollar, shall at once be issued and delivered to him. If a Card has been mutilated or defaced, the holder may surrender such Card to the source of issue, and upon his request and payment of one dollar, a duplicate shall be issued and delivered to him. There shall be written or printed in red ink across the face of any card issued under the provisions of this section, the word "Duplicate."

182. No Subordinate Lodge shall issue a card to a Past Chancellor, or Past Grand Chancellor, or Past Supreme Chancellor who may be under charges in his Grand Lodge or in the Supreme Lodge; and should such Card be issued, it shall not be pleaded in bar of the proceedings under the charges, nor of the findings upon the same.

183. The Cards provided for in this Chapter and Withdrawal Cards heretofore issued may be revoked or annulled as in this chapter hereinbefore provided for the revocation or annulment of Withdrawal Cards, Grand Lodge Cards or Supreme Lodge Cards; and until so revoked, annulled or deposited, they shall be valid.

CHAPTER XX.

RELATING TO VOTING IN SUBORDINATE LODGES.

184. A majority of all the valid votes cast shall decide all elections or motions not otherwise provided for; but questions

that involve an appropriation or expenditure of money shall require the concurrence of two-thirds of all the valid votes cast.

CHAPTER XXI.

REQUIRING KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL TO NOTIFY BOARD OF CONTROL AND GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL OF EXPULSIONS AND SUSPENSIONS.

185. Whenever a member of a Subordinate Lodge shall be declared expelled from the Order, or suspended from membership therein, for any cause, it shall be the duty of the Keeper of Records and Seal of such lodge to immediately forward to the Board of Control of the Endowment Ranks and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal a notice of such expulsion or suspension, signed by him and attested by the Chancellor Commander, over the seal of the lodge. Said notice shall give the name in full, legibly written, of the member expelled or suspended, and the cause for which he was expelled or suspended; and in case the suspension is for a definite period, the notice shall state the length thereof. Rejections of applications, suspensions and expulsions shall be sent to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, who shall notify all Subordinate Lodges in this Grand Domain every three months thereof.

CHAPTER XXII.

RELATING TO THE DISPOSAL OF FUNDS OF A SUBORDINATE LODGE.

186. The receipts from fees and dues and the increments thereof shall constitute a trust fund for carrying out the fraternal and beneficial features of the Order, and shall not be expended for any other than those purposes, and the payment of the necessary expenses of the lodge. This fund shall not be subject to partition among the members of a lodge; and in case a lodge shall from any cause cease to exist, said fund shall revert to the Grand Lodge.

187. Subordinate Lodges may by By-Law establish a fund separate from the General Fund, to be known and designated as special fund.

188. Such Special Fund may be used for the purpose of providing entertainments or for any other purpose that would reflect credit upon the Order.

189. Such fund shall consist of such donations as may be made to it, and the profits of any entertainments given by the lodge.

190. If a lodge discontinues such Special Fund, then all money to its credit shall accrue to the General Fund of the lodge.

CHAPTER XXIII.

RELATING TO THE RITUALS.

191. The rituals for Subordinate Lodges which, under the provisions of Supreme Law, may be received by any Subordinate Lodge, shall be in the custody and control of the Chancellor Commander of such Subordinate Lodge, except when they may be in actual use during a Convention thereof. When not in use, they shall be kept by him securely locked in a box or other receptacle prepared therefor. At the installation of officers for a new term, the outgoing Chancellor Commander shall deliver the rituals in his custody to the installing officer, and they shall be delivered by such installing officer to the incoming Chancellor Commander, upon his receipt therefor.

192. No Chancellor Commander shall loan any Subordinate Lodge ritual, which may be in his custody, to any officer or member of the Order whomsoever, nor permit such ritual to be taken from the lodge room, but he may permit such ritual to be used within the lodge room by any officer or member who has attained the Rank of Knight, who may desire to familiarize himself therewith, upon pledge of his knightly honor that such ritual shall not be taken from the lodge room.

CHAPTER XXIV.

RELATING TO THE BY-LAWS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AND ALTERATIONS OR AMENDMENTS THEREOF.

193. Each Subordinate Lodge shall have the right to make and adopt a code of By-Laws, in conformity with the upreme and Grand Laws, for its government, which can be

made, altered, amended or added to, by submitting the proposition to the lodge in writing, signed by two members of the Knight Rank, and having the same read at three regular Conventions previous to its being acted upon, when, two thirds of the valid votes cast concurring, they shall be adopted.

194. When an amendment to By-laws is upon its passage at the time provided, it is competent to change, alter or add to the original proposed amendment.

195. Before any By-Laws or amendments thereto can become operative, a copy must be sent to the Grand Chancellor and receive his approval.

CHAPTER XXV.

RELATING TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND RULES OF ORDER IN SUBORDINATE LODGES.

196. The following shall be the "Order of Business" in a Subordinate Lodge, and may be transposed by the Chancellor Commander, or by vote of the lodge, after passing order No. 6:—

1. Opening ceremonies.
2. Calling the roll of officers.
3. Reading the minutes of the last Regular or Special Convention.
4. Reading Official Communications.
5. Report of the Relief Committee.
6. Does any Brother know of a Knight, or the family of a Knight in distress?
7. Presentation and reference of bills.
8. Presentation and referring of petitions for membership.
9. Second reading of petitions, report of Investigating Committees, and balloting thereon.
10. Application for Ranks.
11. Payment of dues to the Master of Finance.
12. Does any Brother desire insurance in the Endowment Rank?
13. Reports of Officers.
14. Reports of Committees.
15. Communications.

16. Report of Trustees.
17. Unfinished Business.
18. New Business.
19. Good of the Order.
20. Nominations for office and elections.
21. Initiation and conferring of Ranks.
22. Announcement of receipts in detail by the Master of Finance.
23. Announcement of disbursements in detail by Keeper of Records and Seal.
24. Closing in due form.

197. The business shall be proceeded with as prescribed in the proceeding section, except in the case of official visitation from the Supreme or Grand Lodge Officers, when all business, except where a Rank is being conferred, shall be laid aside, until the object of the visit is accomplished.

198. A member shall not speak more than once on the same question, until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity, nor more than twice without the permission of the presiding officer; and every member speaking shall designate the officer or member spoken of by his proper Rank or title.

199. When a question is before a lodge, no motion shall be in order, except it be to proceed to close, for the previous question, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone for a certain time, to divide, to re-commit, or to amend, which motions shall severally have precedence in the order herein arranged. The first three shall be decided without debate.

200. On the call of two members, a majority of the lodge may demand the previous question, which shall always be put in this form, "Shall the main question be now put?" and until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and all further debate.

201. The person first named on a committee shall act as Chairman thereof.

202. Any member may excuse himself from acting on a committee, if, at the time of his appointment, he is a member

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of another committee. A member when appointed on a committee during his absence from the lodge cannot claim excuse if properly notified by the Keeper of Records and Seal.

203. The Chairman of a committee shall notify the members thereof to meet at such time and place as he may designate.

204. When a committee is appointed without specific date for report, it is its duty to make report at the next convention of the lodge, and no committee shall be finally discharged until all debts contracted by it shall have been liquidated.

205. When a question is indefinitely postponed, it shall not be acted on again during the Convention at which it was postponed.

206. If the reading of any paper be called for, and if it be objected to by any member, the question shall be determined by vote of the lodge without debate.

207. On the call for the "yeas" and "nays" by five of the members present, immediately preceding a vote, the name of each member voting, and whether yea or nay, shall be entered on the minutes.

208. Every member who shall be in the lodge room when a question is put, shall give his vote, unless the lodge for special reasons, shall excuse him. All motions to excuse a member from voting shall be made before a lodge divides, or before the call of the yeas and nays is commenced, and any member requesting to be excused from voting may make a brief verbal statement of the reasons for making such request and the question shall then be taken without further debate.

209. Any member has a right to protest against any proceedings or action of a lodge or its officers, and to have his protests entered in the minutes of the lodge.

210. Any member may appeal from the decision of the presiding officer to the lodge, in which event the question shall be: "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the lodge?" and if a majority of the members present shall vote in the affirmative, the decision of the chair shall be sustained.

211. All points of order or practice not herein provided for, or established by the laws and usages of the Order, shall be in accordance with "Roberts' Rules of Order for Deliberative Assemblies."

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TITLE III.—SEMI-ANNUAL PASSWORD.

CHAPTER I.

REGULATING THE PROMULGATION, ISSUANCE AND USE OF THE
SEMI-ANNUAL PASSWORD.

212. The Grand Chancellor shall, through the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, on or before the first day of June and December of each year, transmit the Semi-Annual Password to the Deputy Grand Chancellor or other Installing Officer of each Subordinate Lodge within this Domain, not under suspension: *Provided*, that such Semi-Annual Password shall not be transmitted to any Deputy Grand Chancellor or other Installing Officer who shall not have filed during the then current semi-annual term in the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal a certificate of the Subordinate Lodge of which such Deputy or Installing Officer is a member, that he has paid all dues or indebtedness to his lodge to the beginning of such term, and that he is in good standing in such Subordinate Lodge. In the transmission of the Semi-Annual Password, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall use such cipher as the Grand Chancellor may direct.

213. The Semi-Annual Password shall be communicated by the Deputy Grand Chancellor or other Installing Officer, to the Chancellor Commander of each Subordinate Lodge under his charge, at the time and in the manner provided in the Installation Ceremony.

214. Each Chancellor Commander shall, upon application therefor, personally and orally communicate the current Semi-Annual Password to any member of the Order who has attained the Rank of Knight, who is in good standing in the Subordinate Lodge over which such Chancellor Commander presides, and to none others, except as provided in this Statute.

215. Any member of the Order who has attained the Rank of Knight, and who is in good standing in his Subordin-

ate Lodge, who shall be unable to obtain the Password for the current semi-annual term personally and orally from the Chancellor Commander of his Subordinate Lodge, shall be entitled to an order addressed to any Chancellor Commander to whom the same may be presented, requesting him to communicate to the member named therein the Password for the semi-annual term in which such order is dated. No order for the Semi-Annual Password shall be valid unless upon the blank form prescribed by the Supreme Lodge.

216. No order for the Semi-Annual Password shall be issued to a member of a Subordinate Lodge at a time during a period when such Subordinate Lodge shall be without the word and not entitled to the promulgation thereof.

217. Upon the presentation of an order for the Semi-Annual Password, upon an official blank dated in the current semi-annual term, and properly signed and sealed, together with the official receipt described therein, to any Chancellor Commander, by one who shall by personal identification or examination in the secret work, or both, prove himself to be the person designated in such order and official receipt, then such Chancellor Commander shall personally and orally communicate to him the Semi-Annual Password described therein: *Provided*, that should the person presenting such order and official receipt be intoxicated or insane, then such Chancellor Commander shall refuse to communicate to him the Semi-Annual Password; but in such case he shall at once notify the Chancellor Commander issuing the order of his action, and his reason therefor. When a Chancellor Commander shall invest a Brother with the Semi-Annual Password under the provisions of this section, he shall in every case immediately take up and destroy the order therefor.

218. The use of the Semi-Annual Password shall be at all times strictly limited by the provisions of the Rituals of the Order.

TITLE IV.—OFFENSES.

CHAPTER I.

TO DEFINE OFFENSES AGAINST THE ORDER AND PRESCRIBE THE PENALTIES WHICH MAY BE INFLICTED THEREFOR.

219. Any member of the Order who shall violate any pledge contained in the obligations of any Rank of Knighthood, or of any legislative rank which he may have received, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and shall be subject, upon conviction therefor, to expulsion, or suspension from the Order.

220. Any member of the Order who shall violate any law of the state or country of his residence, or any of the rules of reputable society, shall be deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming a Knight, and upon conviction thereof may be punished by reprimand, by suspension, or by expulsion, and not otherwise, as may be determined by the Subordinate Lodge before whom his guilt has been established. The certified record of any court of this land before whom the member has been convicted of such offense may be used as evidence in his trial by the lodge, but shall not be conclusive of his guilt.

221. Any member of the Order who shall defraud or attempt to defraud the Supreme Lodge, or the Grand Lodge, or who shall publicly attack or scandalize the Supreme Lodge or Grand Lodge, or any officer thereof as such, or the Supreme Tribunal or Grand Tribunal, or any Supreme Tribune or Grand Tribune as such, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by reprimand, by suspension, or by expulsion.

222. Any member of the Order who shall refuse or neglect to obey the Supreme or Grand Law or any part thereof, or who shall neglect or refuse to obey any legal mandate or order of the Supreme or Grand Chancellor, shall be deemed guilty of an

offense against the Order, and upon conviction thereof, may be punished by reprimand, by suspension, or by expulsion.

223. Any member of the Order who shall wilfully violate any law or By-law of his Subordinate Lodge, or who shall defraud or attempt to defraud such lodge, or who shall publicly attack or scandalize such lodge, or the Order or any member thereof as such, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and upon conviction thereof may be punished by reprimand, by fine, by suspension, or by expulsion from the Order.

224. Any member of the Order who shall wilfully abandon his wife, or his family, or shall fail to contribute to the support of his wife or his family, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and upon conviction thereof may be punished by reprimand, by suspension, or by expulsion from the Order.

225. Any member of the Order who violates any criminal statute of this Province or of the Dominion of Canada, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and upon conviction thereof may be punished by reprimand, by suspension, or by expulsion from the Order.

226. Any member of the Order who shall make false or malicious charges against a member of the Order, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and upon conviction thereof may be punished by reprimand, by suspension, or by expulsion from the Order.

227. Any member of the Order who shall hereafter engage in either of the occupations known as professional gambler, saloon keeper, bar tender, or retail dealer of spirituous liquors, wine, ale or beer (except as a bona fide hotel keeper or druggist), shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and upon conviction thereof, shall be suspended or expelled from the Order.

228. Any officer of the Grand Lodge or of any Subordinate Lodge, who shall be guilty of any malfeasance in office, or of wilful neglect or refusal to promptly and faithfully discharge the duties of such office, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and upon conviction thereof may be removed from

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office, or suspended from the body in which he holds such membership, or expelled from the body or from the Order.

229. Wilful failure or refusal to abide by or perform any judgment, mandate or decree of the Supreme Tribunal, or the Grand Lodge by any party thereto, is hereby declared an offense against the Order, the penalty for which, upon conviction, shall be as follows:

1. If an officer or member of the Order, expulsion from the Order.
2. If a Subordinate Lodge, revocation of its Warrant or Charter.

230. To resist, or wilfully obstruct the due execution or enforcement of any judgment, mandate or decree of the Supreme Tribunal, or the Grand Lodge, or to aid or abet another in so doing, is hereby declared to be an offense against the Order, the penalty for which, upon conviction, shall be as follows:

1. If a member of the Order, expulsion from the Order.
2. If a Subordinate Lodge, revocation of its Warrant or Charter.

231. A member of the Order who from any cause whatever shall wilfully renounce the Order or the obligations thereof, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and upon conviction thereof, shall be expelled from the Order.

232. For the purpose of trial and punishment, the words, "member of the Order," as used in this chapter, shall be held to apply to ex-members of the Order, suspended members, and members under suspension for cause other than non-payment of arrearages.

233. No Subordinate Lodge of this Domain, nor any member thereof affiliated or non-affiliated, shall use the name of the Order, or any term derived therefrom or germane thereto, or any emblem, motto or device belonging thereto, for the promotion of any lottery, gift, enterprise, raffle, or other scheme of chance. The Warrant or Charter of any Subordinate Lodge violating the provisions of this section shall be revoked or suspended. Any member of the Order who shall violate the provisions of this section shall be suspended or expelled from the Order.

234. No member of the Order, affiliated or non-affiliated, shall use the name of the Order, or any term derived therefrom or germane thereto, or any emblem, motto or device belonging thereto, as a trade mark, or in connection with any advertisement or circular, or in any other manner for his pecuniary benefit or business purposes, except in advertising the manufacture or sale of Pythian goods, publications or supplies. Any member of the Order violating the provisions of this section shall be subject to suspension or expulsion.

235. No Subordinate Lodge in this Domain, nor any member thereof, affiliated or non-affiliated, shall use the name of the Order, nor any term derived therefrom or germane thereto, or to either of its branches, or shall display or cause to be displayed any flag, colors, emblem, motto, Credential or Diploma of the Order, in, over or upon any place of business. The Warrant or Charter of any Subordinate Lodge violating the provisions of this section shall be revoked. Any member of the Order violating the provisions of this section shall be expelled from the Order.

236. No member of the Order shall, at any time, while clothed in the uniform of the Order, or while wearing any jewel or Rank or office in the Order, knowingly enter any public bar devoted to the sale of spirits, wines or malt liquors, or any gaming house, or any house or other place of notorious disrepute. Any member of the Order violating the provisions of this section shall be expelled from the Order.

237. No Subordinate Lodge, nor any member thereof, affiliated or non-affiliated, nor association of such members, shall use the name of the Order, or any term derived therefrom, or germane thereto, or any emblem, motto, device, banner or colors thereof, in connection with any demonstration, excursion, meeting, ball, concert or other entertainment given on the first day of the week commonly known as Sunday, or in any advertisement, circular or other printed matter or announcement relating thereto, or for the promotion thereof. The Warrant or Charter of any Subordinate Lodge violating the provisions of this section shall be revoked. Any member of the Order violating the provisions of this section shall be suspended or expelled.

238. No Subordinate Lodge, nor any member thereof, nor association of such members, affiliated or non-affiliated, shall allow or permit the sale or gift of spirits, wines or malt liquors at any excursion, demonstration, ball, concert or any other entertainment given by them, and at which the name of the Order, or any term derived therefrom or germane thereto, or any motto, device, banner, emblems or colors of the Order, shall be used. The Warrant or Charter of any Subordinate Lodge violating the provisions of this section shall be revoked. Any member of the Order, who, by himself or in the association of other persons, whether members of the Order or not, shall violate the provisions of this section, shall be suspended or expelled.

239. Should the Grand Chancellor become cognizant of any violation or infraction, direct or indirect, of the provisions of this Chapter or any of them, he shall formulate, or cause to be formulated, the necessary complaint or charges against such offender or offenders. If the offender be a Subordinate Lodge, the Charges shall be preferred in the Grand Lodge, and such Subordinate Lodge shall be subject to notice, summons and trial, as may be provided for other violations of the Supreme or Grand Law by Subordinate Lodges, and if adjudged guilty it shall be subject to the penalty provided in this chapter.

1. If the offender or offenders be officers or individual members of the Order, affiliated or non-affiliated, the Grand Chancellor shall file the complaint or charges in the Subordinate Lodge with which they are connected, and shall order the trial of the offender or offenders in the manner provided for other violations of the Supreme or Grand Law, and in case of conviction, the accused shall be subject to the penalties provided in this chapter.

2. In case a Subordinate Lodge shall refuse to hear and try the charges so preferred by the Grand Chancellor, he shall at once suspend the Warrant or Charter of such Subordinate Lodge.

3. If the Subordinate Lodge shall, after trial, fail or refuse to convict a member against whom such complaint and charges have been filed, any member thereof or the Grand Chancellor

may, in his discretion, appeal to the Grand Lodge. If upon final hearing the offender or offenders be convicted of the offense charged, and the Subordinate Lodge shall still fail or refuse to inflict the penalty prescribed by this chapter, and ordered to be imposed by the Tribunal of final hearing in the case, the Grand Chancellor of this Domain shall at once suspend the Warrant or Charter of such Subordinate Lodge; *provided*, that should a majority of the members of such Subordinate Lodge, prior to the next Annual Regular Convention of the Grand Lodge, petition the Grand Chancellor for permission to rescind the action upon which suspension was based, he may authorize such Subordinate Lodge to take the action proposed in the petition, and upon compliance by such Subordinate Lodge with the orders or judgment made in the case, he shall revoke his order suspending the Warrant or Charter of such lodge.

4. When the Warrant or Charter of a lodge is suspended under Paragraph 2 or 3 of this Section, the Grand Chancellor shall at once prefer charges in the Grand Lodge against such Subordinate Lodge, setting forth clearly the offense with which it is charged and for the alleged commission of which the suspension was ordered, specifying the time, place and other material circumstances, and file such charges in the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of said Grand Lodge. A copy of said charges shall be sent by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal by registered mail to the Chancellor Commander of such lodge, together with a summons requiring the lodge to appear before said Grand Lodge at a named time and place to answer the same. If upon hearing the evidence produced by the parties respectively, the Grand Lodge shall find the Subordinate Lodge guilty of the offense charged, the penalty shall be revocation of its Warrant or Charter, or the further suspension thereof for such time as the Grand Lodge may determine. If the said charges be not sustained, the order of suspension theretofore made by the Grand Chancellor shall stand revoked.

240. In all trials arising under this chapter, the Grand Chancellor may designate and commission any Knight, or Knights in good standing to represent him as attorney or counsel in the prosecution of such complaint or charges, and such

attorney or counsel shall be and is hereby empowered to perform any act or thing usually done or performed by attorneys as such, and which may be necessary to the conduct of said trial, and to the full and final hearing of all facts, pleadings and issues. All evidence taken in such trial shall be reduced to writing and entered on the records of the trial body.

241. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent a member of the Order in good standing, other than the Grand Chancellor, from commencing and prosecuting complaints and charges for the offenses herein enumerated.

TITLE V.—TRIALS.

CHAPTER I.

RELATING TO THE PROCEDURE IN TRIALS OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

242. Officers and members of a Subordinate Lodge in this Grand Domain, who may be accused of official misconduct or offense against the laws of the Order, shall be charged and tried as in this Title provided.

CHAPTER II.

RELATING TO THE TRIAL OF A CHANCELLOR COMMANDER.

243. A Chancellor Commander of a lodge shall be tried before the Trial Tribunal of the Grand Lodge for official misconduct, and offenses against the laws of the Order; jurisdiction for that purpose being hereby conferred on said Tribunal.

244. For any such offense committed by a Chancellor Commander, charges may be preferred by two or more members of the Order in good standing in the lodge to which he belongs. The charges shall specify the offense charged, and in what it consists, with clearness and precision, and with reasonable detail as to time, place and circumstance; shall be made under the pledge of honor of the accusers, and shall be filed with the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

245. After the charges are filed the case shall proceed, and the same shall be tried and conducted in the same manner, and with all the rights of the parties as provided in Title I., Chapter III, of the Grand Statutes relating to the original and exclusive jurisdiction of the Trial Tribunal, and regulating the procedure therein.

246. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall, upon the determination of such trial, forward to the lodge whence the charges originated, a certified copy of the order and findings of the Trial Tribunal, which shall be read in open lodge and spread upon the records, and shall be binding upon all parties.

CHAPTER III.

RELATING TO THE TRIAL OF SUBORDINATE LODGE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OTHER THAN THE CHANCELLOR COMMANDER.

247. Every officer and member of a Subordinate Lodge other than the Chancellor Commander, shall for offences against such lodge, its officers and members, and for violations of the laws and principles of the Order, be tried in his own lodge, and not elsewhere, except on appeal.

248. Prosecutions may be commenced against such officer or member in two ways, openly or privately:

1. A brother accused of the violation of any Pythian Law or principle may be prosecuted openly, in which case the accusing brother shall prepare, and sign, and after due notice to the accused of the time of presentation, present in written duplicate the charges and specifications in substantial compliance with "Form A," as follows:

FORM A.

CHARGES AND SPECIFICATIONS.

To.....Lodge No....K. of P.:

The undersigned, a member in good standing of.....Lodge No...., does hereby charge Brother.....of.....Lodge No...., with violation of the laws and principles of the Order, the grounds of such charge being more fully set forth in the following specifications, to-wit:

1. For that he, the said.....did on the.....day of.....189., at.....

(Specify the offense and circumstances, and continue with further specifications. Each separate violation of law to be a specification.)

contrary to the laws and usages of the Order.

Dated at.....18....

(Signed).....

Which shall be entered on record by the Keeper of Records and Seal, and one copy, duly certified under seal of the lodge, shall be sent to the accused or his counsel; and due notice having been given the accused, the Trial Committee shall be forthwith appointed.

2. Prosecutions may be instituted privately by giving written notice of the offense, with a list of witnesses, to the Chancellor Commander. The Chancellor Commander shall forthwith

privately refer a copy of such notice and list of witnesses, concealing the name of the informant, to an Investigating Committee of three, who shall proceed without delay to determine whether there is just grounds for presenting charges. The Committee shall report in writing and, in case the same is in favor of the accused, the report shall be substantially as indicated by "Form B," as follows:

FORM B.

To the C. C. of.....Lodge No....K. of P.:

Your Committee would respectfully report that it has fully investigated the complaint against Brother....., and is of the opinion that justice does not require the preferring of charges.

Dated at.....

.....
Chairman of Investigating Committee.

Such report, in the discretion of the Chancellor Commander, or at the request of the accused, may be spread upon the minutes of the lodge. If the Committee be of opinion that charges should be preferred, it shall report substantially as indicated by "Form C," as follows:

FORM C.

To.....Lodge, No....., K. of P.:

Your Committee would respectfully report that, after due investigation, it is of the opinion that charges should be preferred against Brother..... and accordingly the following charges and specifications are herewith submitted:

Your Committee does hereby charge Brother....., of.....Lodge No....., with violation of the laws and principles of the Order; the grounds of such charge being more fully set forth in the following specifications, to-wit:

1. For that he, the said....., did on the....day of...., 18...., at.....

(Specify the offense and circumstances, and continue with further specifications. Each separate violation of the law to be a specification.)

contrary to the laws and usages of the Order.

Dated at.....

.....
Chairman of Investigating Committee.

Such report, together with the charges and specifications, signed by the Chairman, shall be presented at an early Regular Con-

vention of the Lodge, after due notice to the accused, and the charges and specifications shall be entered of record by the Keeper of Records and Seal.

249. On presentation of charges, a Trial Committee of three, who are not witnesses in the case, or concerned in the prosecution, selected from the members of the lodge, in good standing, who have attained the Rank of Knight, shall be appointed, two by the Chancellor Commander and one by the officer next in rank not under charges, and to such Trial Committee the charges shall be referred. The Chancellor Commander shall designate the chairman of such committee, two members of which shall constitute a quorum.

250. The Chairman of the Investigating Committee, or in case the charges are preferred openly, a member of the lodge who has attained the Rank of Knight appointed by the Chancellor Commander, shall be deemed the Prosecutor of the charges, and such Prosecutor, or the accused, may challenge for cause any brother appointed as a member of the Trial Committee. The grounds of challenge shall be stated by the challenger, and considered by the three officers of the lodge highest in Rank, not under charges, and not interested in the case as accuser, prosecutor or defendant, and a majority vote shall be necessary to sustain the objection made. In case such challenge is sustained, the officer making the appointment shall immediately make another appointment in lieu of the member rejected, when the challenge may be renewed, and so continued until a proper Committee is secured; and a record of the challenges, cause of challenge and rulings thereon, shall be preserved.

251. The Keeper of Records and Seal shall affix the seal of the lodge to a copy of the charges and specifications, and certify to it substantially according to the following "Form D," and serve, or cause the same to be served, upon the accused:

FORM D.

NOTICE OF CHARGE TO THE ACCUSED.

Dated at 18....
 Brother....., I herewith enclose a copy of charge
 and specifications preferred against you by..... of..... Lodge,
 No.... The same was referred to a committee consisting of

.....(Give names.) You are hereby required to file your answer to said charge and specifications, according to the form prescribed, within two weeks from the service of this notice, with the undersigned, who will notify you of the time and place of trial.

Fraternally,

(Seal of the lodge.)

.....K. of R. and S.

252. Two weeks notice in writing shall be deemed "due notice" under this code, and all such notices should be endorsed, showing the manner of service. Such notice may be served in either of three ways:

1. By delivering a true copy of the notice to the accused, or his counsel.
2. By leaving a copy thereof at his usual place of residence or business.
3. By sending a copy through the registered mail to his post office address as last furnished to the lodge.

253. The endorsement on notices shall be substantially in one of the three ways indicated in "Form E," as follows:

FORM E.

1. I hereby certify, on my Knightly honor, that I served a true copy of the within notice upon Brother..... on the.....day of.....18..., by delivering the same to him personally. (Signed).....

2. I hereby certify, on my Knightly honor, that I served a true copy of the within notice on Brother..... on the.....day of.....18..., by leaving the same at his usual place of residence, (or business), not being able to see him personally. (Signed).....

3. I hereby certify, on my Knightly honor, that I served the within notice upon Brother..... on the.....day of.....18... by sending a true copy to him, postage paid, registered, through the post office, to his last known address, as follows: (Here state address.) (Signed).....

254. The accused shall, within two weeks from the service of notice and copy of the charges and specifications upon him, file his plea or answer to the same with the Keeper of Records and Seal, according to the following "Form F," and such answer or plea may be by either one or more answers shown therein:

FORM F.

I.....mentioned in the charge and specification preferred on the.....day of.....18... say:

1. That the offense mentioned is not within the legal jurisdiction of the lodge.

2. I am not guilty.

3. Guilty.

4. I admit the fact stated, but will justify the alleged offense.

5. The complaint is frivolous.
Or any other proper plea.

255. The Chairman of the Trial Committee shall, on receipt of the pleas or answers of the accused, or at the end of the time given for filing the same, cause a meeting of his Committee to be called, of which meeting the Prosecutor and accused shall be served with notice, which shall be according to "Form G," in substance as follows:

FORM G.

Dated at.....18...

To..... (One to each party.)

The Committee on the trial of the charges and specifications made against Brother..... will meet at..... on the..... day of..... 18... at..... o'clock.. M., to hear and determine the same, at which time you are required to attend with your witnesses, and..... (prosecute or defend the same, as the case may be.)

By order of the Trial Committee.

..... K. of R. and S.

And the Chairman of the Trial Committee shall, at the same time, cause to be served upon the three highest ritualistic officers of the lodge, not interested in the case, and not under charges, the following notice, "Form H:"

FORM H.

Dated at.....18...

To..... and..... (Naming the three officers.)

The Trial Committee on charges and specifications made against..... will meet at..... on the..... day of..... 18... at..... o'clock.. M., to hear and determine the same.

You are requested to be present to hear and pass upon such challenges of the Trial Committee as may be made by either party.

Fraternally yours,

(Seal of the lodge.)

K. of R. and S.

256. At the meeting of the Trial Committee, called by the Chairman thereof, as provided in the preceding section, upon due notice from the Keeper of Records and Seal, it shall be the duty of the first three officers, as stated in Section 249, to be present, and a majority of such officers shall constitute a quorum. Thereupon, when the hour for hearing the cause has arrived, the highest officer of the said three officers shall announce that challenges of the Trial Committee, as originally appointed, will be heard, decided, and, where sustained, the vacancy or vacancies filled. If no challenges of the Trial Committee have been filed or are then made, or if the accused has failed to file his plea, as required by Section 254, of this code, then the trial of the cause shall at once proceed. If the challenges have been filed or are then made, the same shall be considered and passed upon as provided in Section 249 of this code, after the disposition of which the trial of the cause shall proceed.

257. If, for any cause arising out of the consideration of challenges filed or made, a postponement of their consideration be deemed necessary in the interest of justice, an adjournment to another time may be ordered by the majority of the three officers hereinbefore referred to, and upon the reconvening of said officers, together with the members of the Trial Committee, whether consisting of members originally appointed or differently constituted through vacancies filled, the proceedings in the cause shall be resumed.

258. The Clerk of the Trial Committee shall keep an accurate record of all the proceedings in the matter of challenges, and the same shall be considered a part of the record in the cause.

259. The Trial Committee shall hear the cause and, where the charges are sustained, shall fix the punishment, the concurrence of two members of the Committee being necessary thereto; and, in case the Committee shall be unable to reach a verdict by the concurrence of two members, it shall so state in writing, and

it shall be discharged, and thereupon a new Trial Committee shall be selected in the same manner, and the cause shall be retried.

260. The Keeper of Records and Seal shall be Clerk of the Trial Committee and keep a record of all its proceedings; *Provided*, that in case the Keeper of Records and Seal be the accused, then and in that case, the Chancellor Commander shall appoint a member of the lodge who has attained the Rank of Knight to act as Clerk.

261. Charges and specifications, answers and all other pleadings and papers in the case, may be amended by leave of the Committee at any time before the close of the trial.

262. After commencement of the trial, the Trial Committee may, by a majority vote, adjourn the proceedings from time to time, and witnesses previously summoned shall be required to appear at the adjourned meetings without further citations, under the same penalties as in the first instance.

263. When the Trial Committee has reached a verdict, it shall reduce the same to writing with its finding, on each specification and charge, substantially according to "Form I," as follows:

FORM I.

Dated at 18....

To Lodge, No. K. of P.;

The undersigned Trial Committee, appointed to try the Charges and Specifications preferred against Brother..... respectfully report as follows:

1. (Here report the Specification and finding upon each in their order.)
2. (Here insert the general Charge, and the general verdict thereon.)
3. (Here state the penalty fixed by the Committee.)

The minutes of the proceedings, evidence taken, and papers pertaining to the trial, are submitted herewith.

Attest:

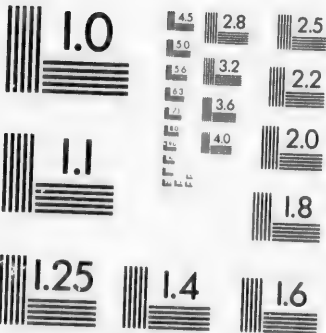
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and shall accompany the same with an accurate record of all rulings, exceptions and decisions, together with the original



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evidence taken during the trial, which shall be filed in the lodge within twenty days after the case has been closed.

264. The minutes of the Committee shall show:

1. The date and place of each meeting, and the parties present, or means taken for notifying them to be present.
2. Exceptions taken by either party, and the decisions thereon.
3. Parol evidence in full, subscribed by the witnesses, unless signatures be waived by the parties.
4. All documentary evidence marked as exhibits.

265. So much of the report only of the Trial Committee as shows the findings and verdict shall be entered in the lodge minutes by the Keeper of Records and Seal, who shall forthwith notify both parties that the report has been submitted, and all parties interested shall be entitled to make a copy thereof at their own expense.

266. At the Regular Convention of the lodge, to be held two weeks after the findings and verdict of the Trial Committee has been returned to the lodge, the Chancellor Commander or presiding officer shall read and declare said verdict and findings, and thereupon the same shall become the verdict and findings of the lodge, and shall be and become binding upon the lodge and all persons interested. And it shall then be the duty of the lodge and its officers to enforce, and of the members to obey, submit to and observe the same. It shall be the duty of the accused, to be present at such meeting and to submit to and obey the verdict and findings of the Trial Committee as declared, until the same is reversed or modified by the proper authorities: *provided*, that if the accused shall be found guilty, and the punishment fixed by reprimand, the lodge shall, upon the request of the accused, grant ten days in which to perfect an appeal which in that case, when perfected, shall act as a stay.

267. At all trials and committee meetings herein provided for, either party shall have the right to be present, in person and by counsel, and in case either party is represented by counsel, service of any notices upon such counsel shall be equivalent to service of notice upon such party.

268. Any member of a lodge desiring to prefer a charge against a member of another lodge, must present the same through his own lodge to the lodge of which the accused is a member. The charge shall be attested by the Keeper of Records and Seal, under seal of the lodge in which presented, and shall be sent or delivered to the lodge of which the accused is a member.

269. It shall be the duty of the lodge of which such accused is a member to proceed without delay, and conduct the case substantially as in this Code provided; and the Brother Knight preferring the charge, or the lodge in which the charge was originally presented, shall have the privilege of being represented at the trial by counsel.

270. A prosecutor, the accused, or any member may appeal from the decision of the Trial Committee to the Grand Lodge within sixty days from the filing of the verdict and findings with the lodge by the Trial Committee. The lodge shall transmit to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal a copy of all the proceedings, regularly certified, upon receiving the costs of mailing and charges for copying the same, which shall not exceed ten cents per folio of one hundred words, from the party appealing.

271. The Keeper of Records and Seal of the lodge, in making up the record for the appeal, will make copies of all charges, pleas, notices, evidence, and the like, and substantially observe the following "Form J:"

FORM J.

I.....Keeper of Records and Seal of.....
Lodge No.....do hereby certify that the following is a true and complete copy of all reports, minutes, reports of Committees, evidence and papers filed with me pertaining to or relating to the case of.....Lodge No.....versus Brother.....or Brother.....prosecutor, versus Brother.....defendant, (as the case may be.)

(Then copy the report of each committee, the action of the Chancellor Commander and Vice-Chancellor, appointing Trial Committee, and the full report of the Trial Committee, with its manner of proceeding, and conclude the record as follows:)

In Testimony that the foregoing is a complete record of all matters pertaining to the case of.....versus.....
I hereto set my hand and attach the seal of said lodge, this.....day of.....at.....

.....K. of R. and S.

272. The evidence competent to be admitted before the Trial Committee shall be:

1. Parol evidence, i.e., testimony of living witnesses before the Committee.
2. Depositions, produced as hereinafter set forth.
3. Regularly certified minutes of lodge.
4. Regularly authenticated documentary evidence. Here-say evidence cannot be received.

273. The Committee will determine the admissibility of evidence offered, subject to an exception by either party; the exceptions so taken shall be noted by the Committee upon its minutes.

274. Members of the Order shall testify under their obligation as Knights to be administered by the Chairman of the Committee, and according to the following "Form K:"

FORM K.

You sincerely declare, that the evidence you shall give in the matter of.....against.....now pending, shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Thus you declare on your honor as a Knight.

275. In taking oral testimony, a stenographer may be employed by the parties, by agreement, or by either party, who may be sworn by an officer competent to administer oaths, or obligated upon honor by the chairman of the Trial Committee, as the case may be, to truly take and transcribe the same in all cases; *provided*, that in those cases pertaining to, or involving the ritualistic or secret work of the Order, only a stenographer who is a member of the Order shall be employed.

276. Depositions of absent witnesses shall be procured by interrogatories and cross interrogatories, subject to objection by either party, to be determined by the Trial Committee.

277. In all trials before the Trial Committee, the record of a conviction had in the Supreme Tribunal, or the Grand Lodge shall, when the offense charged was also an offense against the Subordinate Lodge, or cognizable by the Trial Committee, be competent evidence and shall be conclusive of the guilt of the accused. And the record of conviction of the same offense

charged, by any court in the land, shall be competent, but not conclusive evidence.

278. Whenever a lodge, or member thereof, when prosecuting or defending a charge, or any person authorized to introduce testimony in any proceeding, shall desire to take the testimony of a witness whose personal presence cannot be had before the Tribunal trying the charge, his deposition may be taken in the following manner :

1. The party desiring to take the deposition shall file with the Keeper of Records and Seal of the lodge of which the accused is a member, in duplicate, the interrogatories he wishes to propound to the witness or witnesses, naming them. The Keeper of Records and Seal of such lodge shall immediately deliver or cause to be delivered, to the opposite party a copy of the interrogatories; the latter party, within five days from such service, may file counter-interrogatories with the said Keeper of Records and Seal.

2. At the expiration of said time or sooner, if counter-interrogatories have been filed, the Keeper of Records and Seal of such lodge shall forthwith forward the interrogatories and counter-interrogatories to the Chancellor Commander of a lodge near the witness, with a request to take the deposition of the witness or witnesses named, or to have the same taken by some competent member of the Order, requiring that every interrogatory be propounded to the witness, and the answer to each reduced to writing in the presence of the witness, and when the deposition is completed, cause the witness to sign the same. The officer or member taking the deposition shall also be required to certify to the same having been duly taken, verifying such certificate by the signature of the Chancellor Commander and the Keeper of Records and Seal and the seal of the lodge to the Chancellor Commander of which the interrogatories were forwarded. A deposition thus taken and certified may be read in evidence in the case to which it relates.

3. The request to take depositions in other Domains can and should only be asked as a Knightly courtesy; it is, however, the duty of the Chancellor Commander of any lodge in tl's Domain to whom such request to take a deposition may come,

cheerfully to perform the labor with promptness and dispatch, and return at once the deposition so taken to the lodge making the request.

279. A citation to appear as a witness, stating the time and place of trial, when issued by either the prosecuting attorney or the defendant or his attorney, and signed by the Chairman of the Trial Committee, shall be binding upon any member in this Domain, and failure to appear at the time and place specified shall subject the member so cited to proceedings for contempt, unless excused by the unanimous vote of the Trial Committee. Such citation shall be considered as legally served when directed to the last known address of the member cited, and deposited in the post office at least twenty-four hours before the time set for trial; *provided*, that citations addressed to members residing outside of the limits of the town or city where the trial is held, and within the jurisdiction of the lodge in which such trial is had, must be mailed at least forty-eight hours previous to the time set for trial.

280. Any member of the Order refusing or neglecting to give evidence or produce documentary evidence in his possession, upon the application of the party requiring his testimony, shall then be required by the Trial Committee to give such evidence, and if he still refuses, after being so required, to give or produce such evidence, he shall be reported to his lodge, which lodge shall take such action as it may deem necessary to compel the production of the evidence required.

TITLE VI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

CHAPTER I.

TO REGULATE APPEALS FOR AID BY GRAND LODGES, SUBORDINATE LODGES, OR MEMBERS OF THE ORDER.

281. Appeals for aid, in behalf of a Subordinate Lodge within this Grand Domain, or of a member or members thereof, may be issued and circulated within the Domain of this Grand Lodge only by permission of this Grand Lodge, or the Grand Chancellor thereof.

282. Appeals for aid by sister Grand Lodges, or by Subordinate Lodges within their Domain, or by a member or members thereof as such, shall not be issued, circulated, or read in any lodge of the Order in this Domain, except by permission of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Chancellor thereof.

283. Appeals for aid in behalf of Subordinate Lodges or of members thereof, not within the Domain of a Grand Lodge, shall not be issued, circulated, or read in any lodge in the Order in the Domain of this Grand Lodge, except by permission of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Chancellor thereof.

284. Nothing in this Statute shall be construed to prohibit the issuing, circulating, or reading appeals for aid, in case of public calamity or disaster, when emanating from the Supreme Chancellor, or for purposes duly approved by the Supreme Lodge.

CHAPTER II.

DEFINING THE FISCAL YEAR.

285. The term "fiscal year" whenever used in these Statutes, shall be held to mean the period of twelve calendar months beginning May 1st, and ending April 30th, of the succeeding calendar year.

CHAPTER III.

RELATING TO INSURANCE OF LODGE PROPERTY.

286. Insurance of paraphernalia and other property held by a Subordinate Lodge, shall be in the name of the Subordinate Lodge or its Trustees.

CHAPTER IV.

FUND FOR MEETING HALL.

287. A Subordinate Lodge desiring to own its Hall or place of meeting may incorporate under the laws of the Province of British Columbia. The funds with which to purchase and pay for the necessary Real Estate, and for building a Hall, or for the purchase of a Hall already built, may be raised in any legitimate way, such as by giving entertainments, balls, getting up excursions, asking subscriptions, receiving donations and bequests, or by the issue and sale of shares of stock. But none of the funds of the Lodge, which have been raised from initiation and admission fees, dues, fines, assessments for weekly or funeral benefits, or the income from such funds, shall ever be used in purchasing such property, nor for building purposes, nor for paying interest or principal on any debt created for such purposes. The Grand Lodge shall have no claim to any Hall property which has been bought or built in accordance with the provisions of this Section, and shall never have any interest in the proceeds of the sale of such property.

NOTE.—The following Articles of By laws are simply given as a form for such items as are required by the Grand Statutes, or deemed advisable, and are not intended as a restrictive or imperative form for adoption.

BY-LAWS

OF

..... LODGE, No.....

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS,

OF THE GRAND DOMAIN OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

SECTION 1. This Lodge shall be known and hailed as.....
Lodge No..... Knights of Pythias, of the Grand Domain of
British Columbia.

ARTICLE II.—LOCATION.

SECTION 2. This Lodge shall be located in the City of.....
B. C.

ARTICLE III.—MEETINGS.

SECTION 1.—The regular stated meetings of this lodge shall
be held on.....evening of each.....The hour of meeting
shall be, from the first day of April to the first day of October,
at.....o'clock; from the first day of October to the first
day of April, at.....o'clock, and the lodge shall be opened
within fifteen minutes of the appointed time.

ARTICLE IV.—FEES AND DUES.

SECTION 1. **Page Rank.**—The fee for the Initiatory Rank of
Page shall be as follows: if the applicant is not over 40 years of
age....dollars; if over 40 and not over fifty....dollars; and
....dollar additional for each year over fifty.

SEC. 2. **Esquire Rank.**—The fee for the Armorial Rank of
Esquire shall be....dollars.

SEC. 3. **Knight Rank.**—The fee for the Chivalric Rank of Knight shall be . . . dollars.

SEC. 4. **Deposit of Card.**—The fee for membership by deposit of Withdrawal Card, Transfer Card, Grand or Supreme Lodge Card, shall be one dollar.

SEC. 5. **Reinstatement.**—The fee for reinstatement of a member suspended for non-payment of dues shall be . . . dollars.

SEC. 6. **Cards and Shields.**—The fee for the issuance of a Withdrawal Card shall be one dollar, and for a Travelling Shield twenty-five cents. The fee for the issuance of a Transfer Card shall be one dollar, together with the amount of three months' dues.

SEC. 7. **Dues.**—The dues shall be at the rate of . . . dollars per annum.

ARTICLE V.—BENEFITS.

SECTION 1. Every member entitled to benefits in accordance with the provisions of the Grand Statutes, shall, in case of sickness or disability, receive from the funds of the lodge, if of the Page or Esquire Rank, one dollar per week; if of the Knight Rank, one dollar for the first week, and . . . dollars for every week thereafter, for no greater length of time than thirteen consecutive weeks, and one dollar per week thereafter.

On the death of a Brother in good standing, a funeral benefit shall be paid as provided in the Grand Statutes, if of the Page or Esquire Rank, twenty dollars; if of the Knight Rank, . . . dollars.

SEC. 2. No member of this Lodge shall be entitled to, or receive sick benefits, except the minimum benefit of one dollar per week, until he shall have been a member of this lodge or Order for a period of six months, and no funeral benefit, except the minimum benefit of twenty dollars, shall be allowed in case of the death of a Brother, unless the deceased shall have been a member of this lodge and Order for a period of six months prior to his death.

ARTICLE VI.—BOUNDARY LIMITS.

SECTION 1. The term "Visitation Boundary Limits," as applicable to Relief Committee, and sick or disabled Brothers, shall mean within . . . miles of the locality of this lodge.

ARTICLE VII.—OFFICIAL BONDS.

SECTION 1. The official bond of the Master of Finance shall be in the sum of dollars; of the Master of Exchequer dollars; of the Trustees dollars each.

ARTICLE VIII.—FINES AND PENALTIES.

SECTION 1. Any officer absenting himself from the lodge for three successive regular stated meetings, without leave of absence granted by the lodge, or rendering to the lodge satisfactory excuse therefor, shall have his office declared vacant by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Any member of the Relief Committee failing to attend to the duty required by him, shall be subject to a fine of not less than one dollar for each offense.

Any member notified to watch with a sick Brother, failing to respond thereto, or to furnish a substitute who is acceptable to the Relief Committee, shall be subject to a fine of two dollars for each offense.

ARTICLE IX.—DECORUM.

SECTION 1. There shall be no smoking during the administering of obligations, lectures, and giving instructions. No member shall be allowed to approach the altar while smoking, or having a cigar or pipe in his hand or mouth. No member shall be permitted to walk across the floor, or engage in conversation, during the conferring of Ranks, nor while a member is speaking.

Members violating any of the provisions of this article shall be fined in such sums as the lodge may direct.

ARTICLE X.—AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. No alteration shall be made in these By-Laws, unless the same shall be proposed in writing three regular stated conventions prior to the vote taken thereon, and shall then require a two-thirds vote of all the members qualified to vote at such convention to adopt the same, and shall then remain inoperative until approved by the Grand Chancellor.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION.

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CASTLE HALL..... LODGE, No....
 B. C. 189..

We hereby certify that the above By-Laws have been
 adopted by the aforesaid Lodge, in conformity with provisions
 of the Grand Statutes, and were duly adopted at the regular
 convention held the..... day of..... 189..

Attest..... C. C.

K. R. S.

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